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FRANCE VIEWS CONCILIATION PROSPECTS WITHOUT OPTIMISM



M. Royer, a French chemist, is testing out on mice in Paris laboratory, a gas-oxygen-carbon dioxide which he believes will neutralise any war gases which may be used in air raids on cities. Defence forces would dread cities with it when an attack was threatened.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

Two Further Important Decisions

BANKHEAD COTTON CONTROL BILL UPHOLD

Washington, To-day.

Two further decisions affecting President Roosevelt's New Deal were given by the United States Supreme Court yesterday, one favourable to and the second against the Government.

The Court upheld the Bankhead Cotton Control Bill by dismissing a case brought by Lee Moor, a Texas planter, challenging the constitutionality of the Act, but ruled against the Government in what is known as the Louisiana rice mills case. The Bankhead Bill, though connected with the New Deal, was the work of a group of Senators from the cotton States and not of the Government itself.

In the Louisiana case the court ruled that the \$200,000,000 worth of processing taxes imposed by the court must be returned to the processors.

POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION

Later, The Supreme Court's decision on the Bankhead Act should be construed as momentarily favourable to the administration, as the court declined at the moment to express an opinion on its validity. The judges' action is based on the opinion that the case should not have been brought before the Supreme Court, but should have been decided by a law court, and therefore the dismissal of the case cannot be interpreted as a ruling on the constitutionality of the Act.

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BABY BONDS FOR VETERANS

New Scheme Proposed In America

Washington, To-day. Senator Harrison, with other supporters, has introduced a compromise bill for the payment of the soldiers' bonuses by means of \$50 "baby bonds," convertible into cash at a post office, for the purpose of encouraging the veterans to retain their bonds until maturity in 1945 instead of cashing them immediately.—Reuter.

LONDON NAVAL PARLEY

QUESTION OF JAPANESE CONTINUATION

MATTER STILL UNDECIDED

London, To-day.

The fate of the continued participation of the Japanese in the Naval Conference is still open, the question depending upon whether the chairman can pilot the committee at to-day's meeting past the rocks of the Japanese demand for parity, as a vote on that question will inevitably terminate the Japanese participation forthwith.

The Japanese leave no doubt that the parity issue must be faced sooner or later, and the preparations for it have been indicated in Japanese naval circles in London and Tokyo.

In London it is stated that in the event of withdrawal the Japanese will propose a five-Power declaration disavowing the intention to conduct a shipbuilding race and affirming that the friendly relations are not disturbed. From Tokyo comes the significant news that if the adjournment of the conference leads to an armaments race Japan will "endeavour to readjust her international relations."

London.—There was a surprise development last night when after a conference lasting two hours between the Japanese delegation it was announced that to-day's meeting of the Naval Conference had again been postponed, while the Japanese seek further instructions from Tokyo.

KIPLING'S CONDITION GRAVE

Condition Reported Unchanged At Midnight

London, to-day.—The condition of Mr. Rudyard Kipling, who was operated on yesterday morning for gastric trouble following his urgent removal to the Middlesex Hospital, was very grave at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Later: A bulletin issued at 11.30 last night stated that Mr. Kipling's condition was still very grave, and at midnight it was stated that his condition was unchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Kipling were staying at the Piccadilly Hotel on the eve of leaving for the south of France when he was taken ill.—Reuter.

ACADEMY BANQUET

London: The President and Council of the Royal Academy, together with the executive committee of the International Exhibition of Chinese Art, gave a reception last night in honour of the delegates to the Naval Conference. Some 300 guests were present and included representatives of all the countries attending the conference, Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Monsell and the respective heads of the fighting services, who were received by the Chinese Ambassador and the President of the Royal Academy.—Reuter.

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WOMEN WORKERS IN RUSSIA

More Engaged Than Men

Moscow, To-day.

More women are doing men's work in Russia to-day than hitherto. During 1935 40 per cent. of the workers were women, who were given wages equal to those for men. Government institutions, such as community restaurants, nurseries and creches, relieve women from their domestic duties and thus enable them to participate in most manual labour.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ROYALTY VISITS HONG KONG

DON JUAN DE BOURBON

TOURING WORLD WITH HIS BRIDE

An interesting visitor to the Colony, who arrived here from the north by the M.M. liner Andre Lebon this morning, is Don Juan de Bourbon, fifth child of ex-King Alfonso of Spain, who is touring the world with his young bride, Marie d'Orleans, whom he married in October last year.

The young couple are passing through the Colony on their way to France, via Suez, where they intend to settle. So far their tour has taken them half way around the world, most of the time having been spent in America. They are accompanied by their official escort and adviser, Viscount Bocanegra, who also acts as their spokesman. He stated that they had enjoyed their trip so far to the utmost, and were particularly impressed with Mexico and southern California, as the customs and architecture in that part of the world closely resembled those in their own home.

Japan, where they had remained for several days, also attracted them considerably, and their admiration of Japanese efficiency amounts almost to ecstasy. Neither of them took very kindly to Shanghai, and their stay in the northern city did not last very long.

By the abdication of his two brothers, both of whom are now living in exile, the Prince of the Asturias is now in direct succession to the throne, and should his family be restored to power he would become King of Spain. Although the young Prince has been to the East before—he served as a midshipman many years ago on a British cruiser in Far Eastern waters—this is his first visit to Hong Kong, although he has been to several other ports on the China Coast.

Disappointment awaited the French Vice-Consul, M. Charles Renner this morning, when he boarded the s.s. Andre Lebon to greet the new Consul, M. J. Leurguin, who was to have arrived by day.

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When the United States Navy's \$10,000,000 cruiser, Quincy, shown here being launched, made her test run off Quincy, Massachusetts, her expensive reduction gear construction was mysteriously wrecked by a steel bolt which Navy officials believe indicates a sabotage plot. Rear-Admiral W. E. Gherardi (right), as commander of the First Naval District, will head the board of investigators.

STUDENT RIOTING IN CANTON

SIX AGITATORS ARRESTED

Canton, To-day.

Six student agitators are under arrest for creating disturbances and one was killed by certain unknown assailants yesterday. Another report states that three students were killed, but the police decline to reveal the number of dead and wounded.

It was said that the assailants, who were alleged to be Chinese, first used ju-jitsu against the students, but, finding themselves overwhelmed, they fired several revolver shots into the air to frighten the students. Later they fired point blank at the students, killing and injuring several of them.

TURKISH BRIGAND ARRESTED

Alleged Plot Against President's Life

Jerusalem, To-day.

The leader of the band of Turkish brigands who was recently arrested in Aleppo on a charge of having been implicated in a plot against the life of the President of the Turkish Republic, Kemal Ataturk, has been taken on board a French warship to Messina, where he was handed over to the Turkish authorities.

Six Circassians who are likewise alleged to have participated in the plot were arrested last October in Turkey, where they are awaiting trial.—Trans-Ocean Service.

"LADY PRECIOUS STREAM"

By special request another performance of "Lady Precious Stream" will be given in the Great Hall of the University on Wednesday, January 22, at 8.45 p.m. Tickets will be at \$2 and \$1 and bookings will be opened at the King's Theatre next Friday.

NEGOTIATIONS TOO INVOLVED

MEDIATION EFFORTS BY BELGIUM DENIED

FRANCE WILL NOT MOVE UNTIL BRITAIN CLARIFIES SITUATION

Paris, To-day.

The reports of the new efforts being made for the peaceful solution of the Abyssinian conflict received a new impetus yesterday, when it was announced that M. Laval had had another long talk yesterday afternoon with the Italian Ambassador, Signor Cerruti, who has just returned from a short holiday in Italy.

Political circles are inclined to attribute all the more importance to this interview since Signor Cerruti before his departure from Rome conferred with Signor Mussolini and Signor Savich, and since the feeling is beginning to take root that the Italian Government is ready to assume a more conciliatory attitude.

Brussels: The rumours that Belgium has taken steps for initiating a new peace move to end the Abyssinian war were categorically denied here yesterday as wholly devoid of foundation. It is stressed that the Belgian Government does not intend to take any steps in this direction, especially since Belgium is not a member of the League Council nor of the Committee of Thirteen, which would have to deal with any proposals for mediation.

It is moreover stated that the King of the Belgians did not conduct any political negotiations whatsoever during his recent visit to England.—Trans-Ocean Service.

AID IN EVENT OF ATTACK

French Co-Operation With Britain

MEDITERRANEAN SCHEME DRAWN UP

London, To-day.

The diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph states that the British and French General Staffs have agreed on the following steps should the British fleet be attacked in the Mediterranean:—

Firstly, Britain will use the French naval bases, docks and workshops;

Secondly, the French army will call up the last two annual contingents of conscripts; and

Thirdly, the signalling forces of the French air force will be placed at the disposal of the British Air Ministry, to enable warning of a pending air attack being given.—Reuter.

CHURCH AND STATE

WAR CONTINUES IN GERMANY

CATHOLIC BISHOPS HOLD SECRET MEETING

Berlin, To-day.

The dispute between the Church and the State continues unabated. The opposition pastor prepared a long document which was read in most churches, and stated that the church owes allegiance only to God, and that they could not agree that the church should be governed by the State. It also asks the members of the church who have been appointed to serve on the church council appointed by the Government to resign their posts.

The Catholic bishops held a secret meeting yesterday and the Nazi Party hopes that the outcome of the meeting might be to improve the relations between the church and the State.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

"OVAL BALL" GAME

Training For Young Fascists

Rome, To-day.

The Italian Fascist Party has adopted Rugby football as compulsory training for young Fascists. This is regarded as the most suitable sport due to its definite characteristics in physical and mental training. No satisfactory name in Italy has yet been discovered for it, and "oval ball" is the best name found at present.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

FAMILY OF NINE BURNED TO DEATH

London, to-day.—A family of nine, comprising a mother and eight children, were burned to death at Tyldesley, Lancashire, yesterday. The father jumped 14 feet from a window, and was admitted to hospital.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

State Of Emergency Declared

ATTEMPTED RED COUP FRUSTRATED

Canton, Later: A state of emergency was declared last night by the military authorities in order to nip a Communist uprising in the bud. The Reds are attempting to stage a coup by stirring up the students in senseless anti-Japanese agitation.

Because of the military precaution, the night passed off peacefully. Students of different schools succeeded in seeing General Chen Chi-tang, Canton military chief, yesterday afternoon, and demanded that he punish the murderers who opened fire and killed two students yesterday morning. General Chen promised to use his efforts to apprehend the assassins.

Agitators are able to arouse the students because of the coming birth of a second Manchukuo in Tungchow under the notorious Yin Ju-keng and the impending loss of Kalgan to the pro-Japanese troops of General Li Shou-han.

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BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Asmara: A steel bridge over the river on the border at the Eritrea-Somali frontier is now in the course of construction. The river is at present dry and it is hoped that the bridge will be completed before the rainy season sets in.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

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Correspondence will be accepted for transmission by these services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedules exhibited at the Post Office. All letters etc., must be marked "By Air Mail" and be handed in at the Post Office.

BROADCASTING-RECEIVING LICENCES, 1936

All Existing Licences expire on 31st December, 1935.
New Licences for 1936 will be available at the Government Radio Office, P. & O. Building, as from 1st January, 1936 and will be issued from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. against the receipt of a remittance of \$10.

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(b) by messenger.
(c) by post.

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In the case of renewal the old licence should be returned with the application.

INWARD MAILS

FROM EUROPE

Kumsang (Air Mail ex Im-
perial Service) Jan. 15
Memnon Jan. 19

FROM SHANGHAI

Andre Lebon Jan. 14
Sarpodon Jan. 14
Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17
Katori Maru Jan. 17
Chichibu Maru Jan. 18

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Kumsang Jan. 15
Hakone Maru Jan. 17
Victoria Jan. 19
Hakodate Maru Jan. 20
Shirala Jan. 20
Lisbon Maru Jan. 22

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17

FROM JAPAN

Bengal Maru Jan. 14
Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17
Katori Maru Jan. 17
Durban Maru Jan. 18
Chichibu Maru Jan. 18

FROM MANILA

Stuttgart Jan. 15
Kitano Maru Jan. 16
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 17
Tjisondari Jan. 18

FROM AUSTRALIA

Kitano Maru Jan. 16

OUTWARD-MAILS

FOR EUROPE

Pres. Cleveland (via San Francisco) Jan. 14
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Emp. of Japan (via Vancouver) Jan. 14
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.
Andre Lebon (via Orient Service) Jan. 14
Closes: Reg. 9 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.
Sarpodon (via Marseilles) Jan. 15
Closes: Reg. 8.45 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.
Hakone Maru (via Siberia) Jan. 17
Behar (via Marseilles) Jan. 17
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.
Katori Maru (via Marseilles) Jan. 17
Closes: Reg. 3 p.m. Ord. 6 p.m.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Sarpodon Jan. 15
Behar Jan. 17
Katori Maru Jan. 17

HIGH SHOES IN PARIS

No Mere Things
Of Beauty

THE MILITARY CUT

Whether you like it or not, high shoes are now the peak of fashion.

No longer does the fashionable woman sash about in the mud and snow in paper-thin hand-turned soles and catch cold in fragile kid, for shoes are shoes these days.

True, they haven't yet reached that high point half-way up the leg which the 1915-1920 boot achieved after an interminable stretch of buttons or lacing, but they are certainly more sturdy and substantial affairs than the footgear of the past season.

To-day's shoes are, no longer mere things of beauty. They support delicate arches. They are notable for their lack of heels. Square in toe, they extend well above the ankle. High tongues under classical lacing efficiently protect feet susceptible to the exigencies of the weather.

Comfort Important
For instance sport shoes are made of worthy stuff like buckskin, deer-skin and antelope. Usually they are fashioned out of two qualities of leather of the same shade—the more supple for the sides, the harder for the bottoms. Little ornamentation is used, of course, for these shoes are primarily designed for comfort. However, perforations are permitted—usually in scallops.

Shoes for city wear are inspired by the same spirit which characterises suits and dresses of military cut, with all their trimming and frogs of braid, gold and otherwise.

FOR MANILA

Pres. Coolidge Jan. 16
Emp. of Canada Jan. 17
Pres. Monroe Jan. 17
Tjisondari Jan. 21

FOR U.S.A.

Emp. of Japan Jan. 14
Pres. Cleveland Jan. 14
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 17
Taiyo Maru Jan. 21

FOR SHANGHAI

Emp. of Japan Jan. 14
Pres. Cleveland Jan. 14
Hakone Maru Jan. 17
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 17
Victoria Jan. 18

FOR JAPAN

Emp. of Japan Jan. 14
Pres. Cleveland Jan. 14
Kitano Maru Jan. 16
Pres. Jefferson Jan. 17
Taiyo Maru Jan. 21

VIA SIBERIA—Letters and post-cards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

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Evening tailleur fitted around the lovely Winifred Shaw, Warner Bros. screen actress, in an ensemble of black triple sheer and dull gold metal cloth. The black gown has a floor-length swallow tail panel at back and a 12-inch slit at the skirt front.

A RUST REMOVER

Firegrates that have been neglected may be cleared from rust in the following way. First of all brush the rusty parts well with a wire brush; then go over them again with steel wool. When a smooth surface has been obtained rub the grate with a cut lemon and afterwards enamel it or blacklead it in the usual way.

CARE AND REPAIR
OF SHOESVaseline Should Be
Used Freely

Leather shoes which have not been worn for some time are liable to crack when used again. To avoid this they should be rubbed with vaseline and left for a day or two longer. Then wipe off the vaseline and polish as usual.

Some shoes go hard when they have been worn in the rain. To restore softness to the leather rub a little glycerine into it. Stuff wet shoes with newspaper in preference to putting them on trees, and dry them slowly away from the direct heat of a fire. To prevent shoes from squeaking stand the soles in castor oil or olive oil, and leave them until the oil is absorbed. This treatment has the additional advantage of making the shoes waterproof.

Patent Leathers

Patent leather shoes should be rubbed with milk or turpentine from time to time to keep the leather from cracking. Petrol or benzene is excellent for lightening skin shoes which have a tendency to darken in wear. Shine on suede shoes can also be removed with petrol. Finish off by brushing with a rubber brush.

Vinegar And Water

Black satin dance shoes usually get shabby at the toes first. They can be renewed by rubbing with a little Brunswick black. Occasionally the shoes should be sponged with vinegar and water. Silver kid shoes need to be carefully handled; marks can usually be removed by rubbing gently with a rag dipped in soapy water. Brocade shoes can be cleaned with a gum indiarubber or with stale breadcrumbs.

More Casual
AirThis Season's Fur
Coats

THE SWAGGER STYLE POPULAR

(By ELIZABETH ALLEN)

If you are one of those people who have been wavering about buying a fur coat this year, I am going to spur you on towards extravagance. Because not for years have furs been so lovely, nor has the price of good pelts been so reasonable. Moreover, the day has long passed when a fur coat was brought out for evening wear or for dressy occasions only.

The smart fur coat of to-day is not only pressed into service from chilly dawn to frosty night, but it is essentially a part of one's sports outfit.

The "Swagger" Appears

Hence the advent in America of what is known as the "swagger" fur coat—swagger implying a full-swing back, mannish collar, and big comfortable pockets in most cases.

The "swagger" appears to have ousted all other fussy styles of fur wrap, because a "swagger" in caracul, mink or ermine is equally lovely by night as a "swagger" of nutria, Persian lamb, or seal is while shopping or on a visit to a football ground.

Leopard Spots Popular

Spotted furs, especially leopard skin, are vastly popular with the younger set this year. For the Latin-type brunette I can think of nothing more dramatically smart than a black wool gown, allied to a leopard skin coat and one of the new "Martini" turbans in swathed black silk or fine felt, large ear-rings, an exotic button-hole, pale complexion, and vivid lipstick and nails.

Incidentally, for good downright service this fur, together with kidskins, lapin and krimmer, wants a lot of beating from an economical point of view.

SWISS MUSLIN FOR WARM
EVENINGS

Irresistible charm is found in the revival of dotted Swiss muslin for evening wear and dinner hours in hot countries.

Kathleen Burke, one of Paramount's most popular players, wears a ruffled frock of blue and white which proves this fact. The three flounces and the utterly innocent lines of this dress are ample proof that this is a feminine fashion.



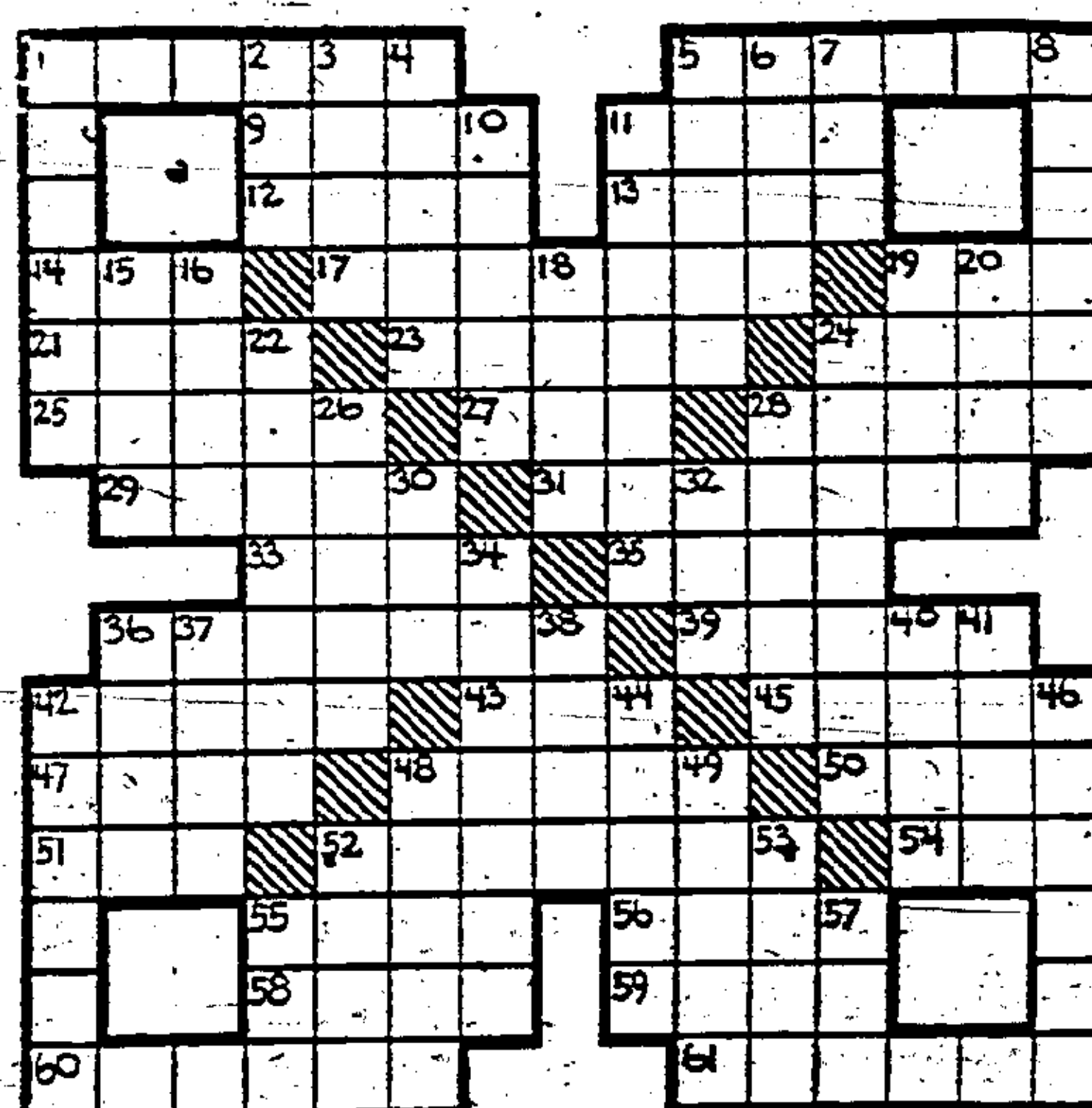
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL

1-Act of flying
5-Maps
9-Organ of body (pl.)
11-An insect (pl.)
12-Snare
13-Greek war-god
14-Vase with a foot
17-Performed
19-Kitchen utensil
21-Want
23-Becomes obstructed
24-Rescue
25-Earth (Lat.)
27-Born
28-Nest of an eagle
31-Openings
37-Wrenched
38-Nest
39-Groove
40-Degrades
42-To distill, as dew
43-Lace fabric
45-Approaches
47-Look slyly
48-Harsh

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

50-Fall in drops
51-Eagle
52-Third highest peak in United States
54-Sailor
55-A game
56-Affirm
58-Equal
59-Girl's name
60-Affirms
61-Lassoing

VERTICAL

1-Flourish
2-Obtain
3-A rodent
4-Prefix. Across
5-Seals with wax
6-Listen
7-Farm animal
8-Sofa
9-Country of Europe
11-Hits with force
12-Long grass stem
15-Fondle
16-An emperor of Rome

VERTICAL (Cont.)

18-Lower corner of a wall
19-Remove the skin
20-A Roman poet
22-Device for dropping medicine
24-Decided
25-Long, slender shaft with pointed head
28-Partaining to Asia
30-Sister (abbr.)
32-A shade tree
34-Allude
35-Wild animal
37-Paradise
38-Observed
40-Small pastry
41-Melody
42-Loss blood
44-An effort to do something
46-Jump
48-Bargains
49-Not at any time
52-Wander
53-City in Nevada
55-Fondle
57-Knock

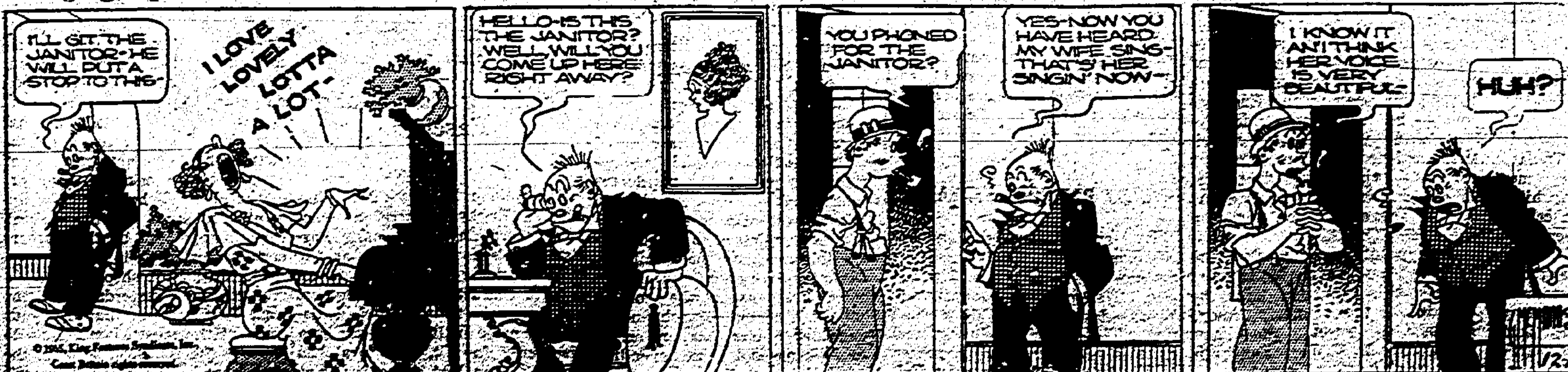
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

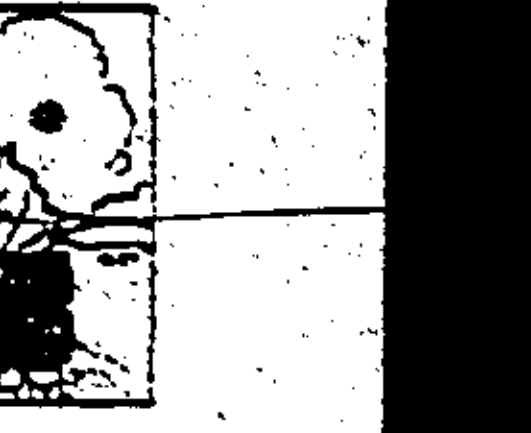
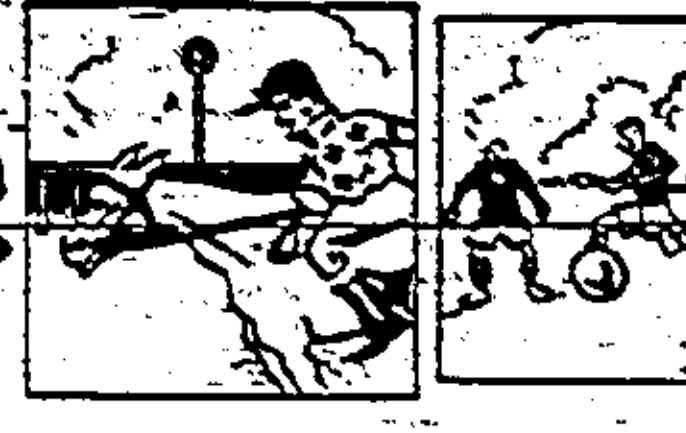
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Sporting Page



"STICKS" SELECTS COLONY INTERPORT TEAM TO MEET MACAO



Awtar Singh, above, is almost certain of a place in the Colony team to meet Macao.

NOMADS TO VISIT MACAO

Team Strengthened By Positional Changes

The Nomads, who have made great progress recently, have no Mamak fixture this week, but they have arranged two games for this week-end. On Saturday they will meet the Volunteer Signallers and on Sunday the Lower Deck. Both of these games will be played on the Radio ground, Caroline Hill, at 4 p.m.

The Nomads intend visiting Macao early next month to play against the Macao Hockey Club juniors, and are now awaiting confirmation from Macao before final arrangements are made.

No new players have joined the Nomads, but several players have been tried in different positions to advantage. L. Souza, who up to now has been playing at forward, is now playing in the half-back line and seems very suited to the position.

ARGONAUTS TO BE STRENGTHENED

Oliveira Joins Team And Gonsalves Well

The Argonauts, who are playing off their Mamak fixtures as soon as possible, are endeavouring to meet the Police either on Saturday or Sunday, but nothing has been yet definitely arranged.

The Argonauts will be greatly strengthened by the inclusion of L. Oliveira, of the University.

J. Gonsalves, who has been out of hockey for some time, has now fully recovered from his injury and will be seen in his old position at centre-half.

CAMP INTERFERES WITH HOCKEY

H.K.S.R.A. To Meet The Ulsters

The H.K.S.R.A. have cancelled all their big hockey fixtures for this month due to the fact that with two Batteries at camp they are finding it very hard to put out their best team. They will, however, play a number of "A" team matches.

They have a game with the Royal Ulster Rifles on the Marina ground next Friday, commencing at 4 p.m., and this game should be interesting in that it will mark the debut of the Ulsters in local hockey.

The Brigade will resume their "big match programme" next month when the Large Units competition is due to start. The draw for this will be made shortly.

K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Kowloon Cricket Club are holding an American Tennis Tournament for members and subscribers next Sunday, commencing at 2.15 p.m. Entrance fee is \$1.50 per pair.

THE SIGNALS START TEAM BUILDING

Austen Gets Down To Work

NEW PLAYERS FROM HOME

Sig. Austen, who only recently took over the duties of hockey secretary of the Royal Corps of Signals, has settled down to his task of team-building in real earnest and, though he has been at it for a very short time, he has had three practice matches already.

The first of these was against the H.K.S.R.A. second team to whom they lost by 5 goals to 1, the second against the 40th Coy. R.E., which they won by the odd goal in five, and the third against the C.B.A., to whom they lost by a lone goal.

These matches, however, have served as pointers as regards the composition of their team for future matches, and it is interesting to note that they have discovered a good left-back in Sig. L. Smith, while L/Cpl. Lancaster is also showing good promise in the right-half position. Lancaster played hockey at Home prior to coming out here and in the three matches mentioned above he showed that with practice he ought to be quite an acquisition to the team.

New Talent Expected

Sig. Thomson has also been persuaded to devote more time to hockey and should develop into a really useful right-winger, after a little experience. Sig. Sinclair, who was injured at soccer some weeks ago, has reported fit and will be seen in the team again, while another player to return to the side is Sig. Cleverly, whose ankle injury prevented him from playing hockey for "about three weeks."

The Signals will be playing a friendly against the St. Andrew's Club to-morrow, but this is more in the nature of a trial game than anything else, as they hope to resume their Mamak fixtures early next week.

They are expecting some new men on the troopship Dorsetshire, which is due here to-morrow, and it is understood that there will be one or two hockey players amongst them. They should prove very welcome, for the Signals have found it rather hard to field a good team for some time, due to a dearth of talent.

The probable side for to-morrow's match, on the Marina ground, will be as follows:—

Sig. Dove; Sig. Wright, Sig. L. Smith; L/Cpl. Lancaster, L/Cpl. Nash, Sig. Sinclair; Sig. Thomson, Sig. Cox, Sig. May, Sig. Austen and Sig. Cleverly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ladies' Hockey Interport

[To The Editor, "China Mail"]

Sir,—Now that the Ladies' Interport team has at last been completed, a word or two regarding the unparalleled blunders the selectors have made would not be altogether amiss.

The passing over of Miss O. Dalziel can only be attributed to sheer carelessness. There has been no right-winger in Hong Kong since ladies' hockey came to the fore to compare with her, and the selection of Miss M. Smith to fill that position could only have been made with a view to her having played in the previous Interport at inside-right.

Miss M. Westcott's name was not even sent in to the selectors as being worthy of consideration, and yet she was selected for the left-wing position. She has no ball-control whatever, and is likely to be a passenger in the one "big" game of the year!

The following team was the one that should have been selected:—

Side Almost Picks Itself For "Big" Match



THE DOUBLE?—The Diocesan Girls' School hockey team, above, will probably carry off the Brawn Cup and the Knill Cup for the junior seven-a-sides.



Miss E. Thomson, above, the "Y" Ladies' pivot, played an outstandingly good game against the Interport team in last Sunday's practice match.

NEW ZEALAND FORCE DRAW

16 Byes And 8 Wides Off Human's Bowling

UNUSUAL TACTICS TO GET NEW BALL

Dunedin, to-day.

The M.C.C. tourists were held to a draw by New Zealand in their unofficial Test match yesterday, rain delaying the start until 3 p.m.

In order to secure the new ball, Human, the former Cambridge University all-rounder, adopted the unusual method of bowling 16 byes and 8 wides, but his plan was frustrated when Vivian, who took his overnight score of 53 to 87, successfully appealed against the light at 5.40 p.m. after New Zealand had taken 160 minutes to score 89 runs.

Scores, as cable by Reuter, were as follows: M.C.C.—653 for 5 dec. (Barber 173, Parks 100, Hartstaff 76, J. H. Human 57, Langridge 106, E. R. T. Holmes 54 not out). New Zealand: 81 (Read 6 for 26) and 205 for 7 (Vivian 87 not out, Read 5 for 74).

ALL-INDIA WIN

Australians Fail At Lahore

Lahore, to-day.

India beat Australia by 68 runs in their unofficial Test match here yesterday when the remaining three visiting batsmen were dismissed for 59 runs.

Scores, as cable by Reuter, were as follows: All-India: 149 and 301 (Wazir Ali 22, L. Leather 5 for 127). Australia: 166 and 216 (J. B. Byder 70, J. Morrisby 53, M. Niszar 4 for 29, Bagquistan 4 for 15).

Mrs. Lanson; Miss Gray and Miss Fowler; Miss Wong, Miss Bryson and Mrs. Bell; Miss O. Dalziel, Miss S. Dalziel, Miss Smith; Miss Aley and Miss Gittins.

The selection of Miss J. Dalziel as reserve, after her recent performance, and especially in last Sunday's practice game, which I notice your paper "covered" properly, was a joke, to say the least.

DISGUSTED.

RECREIO ARE DOGGED BY BAD LUCK

ONLY ONE POINT IN 7 GAMES

Last Match Next Saturday

There seems little doubt that Recreio Ladies will be the wooden spoonists in the Caer Clark Cup competition this season for, with only one more match in hand, they have only scored one point, and that the result of a somewhat lucky draw early in the season against C.B.A. Ladies.

In fairness to Recreio, however, it must be said that they have been rather unlucky in that they have not always been able to play the same team for every match. To begin with they lost a very valuable player when Miss

TIME FOR RUGBY KICK-OFF NEXT THURSDAY

The match between the New Zealand Universities touring Rugby team and the Colony five-team will be played on the Club ground next Thursday, commencing at 4.30 p.m. and not at 4.45 p.m. as previously announced.

L. Silva-Netto sprained her ankle so badly a few months ago that she has not been able to play again, and she was considered one of their best players.

The departure of Miss M. Basto for England to pursue her studies was perhaps the greatest blow to them, however, for she was not only a thoroughly reliable left full-back, but she had the happy knack of being able to instil confidence in her team mates. In their match against St. Andrew's last week, they were without the services of Miss Cissy Botelho, who could not play at the last minute owing to illness.

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Defeat Of "Y" Unfortunate In More Senses Than One

(By "STICKS")

The defeat of "Y" Ladies last Saturday at the hands of C.B.A. was unfortunate in more senses than one. Firstly, the losers were without their skipper, Miss S. Dalziel, who twisted her ankle when playing against St. Andrew's last Thursday—this will serve as a lesson to teams playing practice matches only two days before vital games! Secondly, because C.B.A., who are now Hong Kong Ladies' only challengers, are hardly strong enough to win the little the champions have retained since the competition was started—a change in champions is always welcome.

The "Y" made a fatal error when they did not play Miss Fowler in the forward line right

PLACE FOUND FOR HASSAN

PROBABLE CIVILIANS' LINE-UP

MACAO TO MAKE ONE CHANGE

(By "Sticks")

THE first Interport hockey trial will take place next Sunday on the Navy ground, King's Park, when the cream of the hockey talent in the Colony will be on display, and, judging from the two trial teams, the selectors should have no difficulty in choosing a powerful side to meet Macao.

Lt. Comdr. Garwood, of the Navy, is easily the better of the two custodians and should be given the position between the sticks, for, although Ramzan, of the K.I.T.C., recently performed extraordinarily well against Macao, he was much too spectacular to be really safe.

Guest and Comdr. Broome, following their respective displays in the Civilian-Combined Services game, have no superiors in the Colony and should secure places in the team.

Khan Bahadur, the Army left-back, is too inclined to undercut when clearing, and the same applies to Kishen Singh, the other Army back.

The intermediate line will probably present the selectors with the least difficulty.

M. H. Hassan, of the Radio, has at last regained the brilliant form he displayed two years ago, just before his injury, and is, with the exception of W. A. Reed, the outstanding half in the Colony.

W. A. Reed has no equal in the pivot position and Alaf Din is still our best left-half.

The latter two played against Macao in the last Interport and the experience gained will be an invaluable asset in their favour.

Food For Thought

The forward line will give the Selection Committee food for thought. The Possibles' forward line, with Lieut. Burch at inside-right instead of Sarnagat Singh, will probably be the selected one. Awtar Singh and Gurbachan Singh played together with remarkable success for the K.I.T.C. against Macao recently and were responsible for the visitors' defeat—the first for over a year—no mean achievement.

Lieut. Burch of the Navy, is without a doubt the finest inside forward, or centre-forward we have seen in the Colony since Kartar Singh of the Punjab left for India to break up a fine partnership with Lal Singh.

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The following are the trial teams for Sunday:—

Trial Teams

Probables (Whites):—Lt. Comdr. Garwood (Navy); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and Khan Bahadur (Army); M. H. Hassan (Radio); W. A. Reed (Club) and Alaf Din (Army); Khuda Bux (Army), Sub. L. Wraith (Navy), T. Burch (Navy), Carey (Club) and Pte. Nolan (Army).

Reserves:—J. E. Potter (Club) (Back), N. Beltrao (Recreio) (Half-back), Wass (Police) and Afsar Khan (Army) (Forwards).

Possibles (Colours):—Ramzan (K.I.T.C.); Comdr. Broome (Navy) and Kishan Singh (Army); A. S. Biss (St. Andrew's), D. Brown (Army) and Parker (Police); G. E. R. Divett (Club), Awtar Singh (K.I.T.C.), Gurbachan Singh (Radio), Sarnagat Singh (Radio) and Lal Singh (Army).

Reserves: Lt. Comdr. Gush (Navy) (Back), Pte. Neighbour (Army) (Half-back), S. A. Fowler (Club) and J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.) (Forwards).

My Selection For Interport

LIEUT. COMDR. GARWOOD (Navy)
A. E. P. GUEST (RADIO)
COMDR. BROOME (Navy)

M. H. HASSAN (Radio)
W. A. REED (Club)
ALAF DIN (Army)

G. E. R. DIVETT (Club)
AWTAR SINGH (K.I.T.C.)
GURBACHAN SINGH (Radio)
LIEUT. BURCH (Navy)
LAL SINGH (Army)



Miss Jean Dalziel, above, the Hong Kong Ladies' skipper, has been selected as reserve forward for the Interport against Shanghai.

H.K. LADIES TO HOLD PRACTICE GAME

Juniors To Meet C.B.A. In Brawn Cup Series

Hong Kong Ladies have no Caer Clark Cup fixture until they meet St. Andrew's Ladies on February 3. It is understood, however, that they are having an intra-Club game next Saturday between two selected teams.

The junior team have a Brawn Cup match against the C.B.A. Ladies next Saturday at Sookm-poo. They will, in all probability, field the team which trounced C.B.A. two Saturdays ago.

The team was as follows:—Miss S. Baskett; Miss E. Strahan and Miss G. Swan; Mrs. Bennett, Miss B. Hance and Miss M. Slary; Mrs. Davis, Miss Gordon-Smith, Mrs. P. M. Harrop, Miss R. Smalley and Miss V. Blackburn.



Parker, the Interport and Police hockey player, who has not struck his best form since his illness, will probably be seen in the Civilian side against Macao next week.

INTERPORT SKIPPER IS SATISFIED

"TEAM CHOSEN A GOOD ONE"

LEE NOT TOO KEEN ON THE FILMS

Lee Wai-tong, who will captain the Interport soccer side against Shanghai, feels that though unfortunately the best side could not be sent to Shanghai owing to the inability of some players to obtain leave, the team chosen is a good one and should give a good account of themselves, in spite of the handicap of having to play on a very heavy ground.

Leonard's habit of laying between the backs and his bustling and robust methods may fit in well for the centre-forward position, but as an inside forward he will have to adapt his play to that position and fall back and help the defence.

Asked whether he would soon be becoming a movie star, Lee said that he was not at present very keen, though he had been approached by several Chinese film producers; but he was not averse to making an educational film on football. The dialect difficulty would arise unless he made it in Mandarin, which is now being more extensively used in China than formerly.

Lee As Author.

Lee's great ambition is to write a book on football. In 1929 he wrote one, but it dealt chiefly with the history of the beginning of football in China and contained hints to beginners. Lee hopes to collect most of his material for his new book during his tour in Europe, and as he has friends in almost all the continental countries he intends, if possible, to visit as many places as possible and thus see for himself the different styles and types of football played.

Nothing further has been done with regard to the Chinese team for the Berlin Games and advantage will be taken by Lee Wai-tong next week in Shanghai to discuss matters personally with the officials there so as to complete the final arrangements.

Mamak League Tables To Date

1ST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	P.A.	Pts
R. Engineers	7	3	2	2	13	5
Radio	4	3	1	0	4	7
K.I.T.C.	3	2	1	0	13	5
H.K. Police	4	1	2	3	2	4
Argonauts	2	0	2	7	6	4
Royal Signals	4	0	0	4	5	11
St. Andrew's	1	0	0	1	0	5
H.M.S.						
Partials	1	0	0	1	0	7

2ND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	P.A.	Pts
C.B.A.	5	3	0	0	36	4
R. Engineers	8	4	2	2	7	10
12th Bty. R.A.	6	3	1	2	14	7
Nomads	5	1	2	2	11	4
Police Indians	4	1	1	2	3	3
Departmentals	4	1	0	3	7	2

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CRICKET AS PLAYED IN INDIA

Turban And Ear-Rings: A Strange Sight

YUVRAJ OF PATIALA A FINE "GULLY"

London, November 29.
 A Giant Sikh in a silk turban and jewelled ear-rings batting at Lord's—that is the engaging prospect conjured up by the selection of the Yuvraj of Patiala as captain of the Indian cricket team against the Australians.
 The match is scheduled for December 5 at Bombay, and it is a fair assumption that if the Yuvraj (which means heir-apparent) makes a good job of the captaincy, he will be asked to join the touring team in England next summer.

A finely built, elegant young man, the Yuvraj of Patiala measures 6ft. 5in. from his toes to turban-top. Like his father, he plays in diamond and pearl earrings, and wears a different coloured silk turban every day.

In The Blood
 Such an imposing figure would surely create a stir on our cricket grounds. And cricket is so much in the Patiala blood that it would be no surprise if the Yuvraj proved a class performer.

His huge reach makes him a fine "gully," and on firm wickets he can be an attacking off-side batsman.

His grandfather was the first Indian prince to engage English professionals to act as coaches in India, and the present Maharajah has had a long succession of Yorkshire players at work on his fine grounds.

ATTACKING FORCE BEHIND CAMBRIDGE SCUM

The great attacking force behind the Cambridge scrum, of course, is Prince Obolensky, and probably there is no one

PLACE FOUND FOR HASSAN

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Question Of Combination
 Lieut. Wraith, of the Navy, is on a par with Awtar Singh, but the question of combination and understanding which must inevitably crop up in this case will probably rob him of a place.

Parker, of the Police, who was given a "tap" last year at left-half, has never been seen at his best since his illness.

Macao will also meet the Civilian team: Ramzan (K.I.T.C.); A. E. P. Guest (Radio) and G. Sommer (Club); M. H. Hassan (Radio); W. A. Reed (Club) and J. Parker (Police); G. E. R. Divett (Club); Awtar Singh (K.I.T.C.); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); G. H. Fowler (C.B.A.) and D. J. Nooy (Club).

This is the strongest possible team that could be fielded in view of the fact that several potential interlopers will be engaged in the soccer Interport, namely Bliss and Beltrac.

One Macao Change

Macao are likely to be more at home against the Colony and Civilian sides in view of the fact that they will be playing on grass and the team will probably be the same as that which drew with the H.K.S.A. a fortnight ago, with the exception of Rodrigues, at right-back, instead of Rosario.

The occasion will be a special one as Lieut. Da Costa, the founder of hockey in Macao, will be shortly leaving the Portuguese island which has been his home for the last eight or nine years.

quite so fast playing Rugby at the moment. At any rate, if any one can keep up with him over 30 yards I am quite sure there is no one who jumps into a stride so beautifully and has his opponent beaten before the chase is begun.

E. W. Swanton

WHAT CAMBRIDGE NEEDS MOST LESSONS OF VARSITY RUGBY MATCH

FORWARD PLAY MOST IMPORTANT

(By Howard Marshall)
 London, December 12.

A FEW notes—after-thoughts, perhaps on the Varsity match, and first let me say that I still think it was a grand game. How anyone not suffering from jaundice of the megrims could find it dull passes my comprehension. The very fact that there was no scoring gave every movement, every inch of ground gained or lost, an added significance; just one try, one little try, would have meant the difference between triumph and disaster.

As for the quality of the football, I rate it high. Some people seem to regard the Varsity match as little better than a pot-house brawl, with no subtlety of skill about it. Others belittle it with niggling criticism, apparently disappointed because it does not turn out to be an academic exposition of Rugby theory.

To my mind it is a match apart, not to be judged by rule-of-thumb standards. It is played at a great pace by desperately keen young men, with tremendous tackling as a levelling factor. Three-quarters who can beat the ordinary defence find themselves held and shaken, and players of average ability become supermen for this one afternoon.

ST. JOHN'S ROUTED AT BADMINTON V.R.C. SECURE ODD SET WIN

ONE MATCH POSTPONED

The St. John's Club found themselves up against a very formidable team last night when they were beaten by nine sets to nil in the Men's Doubles Badminton League by Eliot Hall "A" at the Eliot Hostel.

At Kowloon Tong, the Victoria Recreation Club beat the Kowloon Tong Club by the odd set in nine.

The match between Eliot Hall "B" and the Fire Brigade Recreation Club was postponed.

Detailed results of the two matches were as follows:

Eliot Hall Win

At Eliot Hall last night, the Eliot Hall "A" beat the St. John's Club by 9 sets to nil—
 T. C. Lee and P. K. Chan (Eliot "A") beat F. H. Kwok and G. A. Smith 21-4
 beat Roland Koh and Norman Smith 21-4
 beat David Kwok and G. S. Ladd 21-1
 C. O. Lee and C. S. Heng (Eliot "A") beat Kwok and Smith 21-0
 beat Koh and Smith 21-8
 beat Kwok and Ladd 21-4
 E. Y. Lee and K. S. Liew (Eliot "A") beat Kwok and Smith 21-7
 beat Koh and Smith 21-13
 beat Kwok and Ladd 21-3

Kowloon Tong Beaten

At Kowloon Tong last night, the Victoria Recreation Club beat the Kowloon Tong Club by 5 sets to 4:

S. A. Gray and P. Chan (Kowloon) beat Barretto and J. Soares 21-7
 lost to C. N. Silva and S. A. Rummah 6-21
 lost to M. M. Soares and D. Lopes 9-21
 P. Leung and J. M. Pong (Kowloon) beat Barretto and Soares 21-11
 lost to Silva and Rummah 16-21
 beat Soares and Lopes 24-21
 J. M. Wong and G. A. White (Kowloon) beat Barretto and Soares 21-14
 lost to Silva and Rummah 7-21
 lost to Soares and Lopes 18-21

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Andrew's "A"	6	5	0	46	8	12
Recreio "B"	7	6	1	45	12	12
Recreio "A"	5	5	0	28	7	10
C. E. C.	6	4	2	27	17	8
Fire Brigade	6	4	2	27	17	8
St. John's	9	4	5	21	50	8
Eliot Hall "A"	3	3	0	24	3	6
St. Andrew's "B"	6	2	4	21	35	4
Tai Koo R.C.	6	2	4	19	35	4
V. R. C.	8	2	6	23	49	4
Eliot Hall "B"	1	0	7	2	2	0
S. and S. Home	6	0	6	17	37	0
Kowloon Tong	8	0	8	25	47	0

WARING WANTED

Mr. W. J. Smith, the secretary of Aston Villa, recently said that several applications had been received from the Continent for Waring, the International centre-forward who is open to transfer, but the Villa are not entertaining any of them.

It is easy enough to blame Grieve and the Oxford centres for their ineptitude, considering the number of times they had the ball, but I do not believe that any other midfield players would have fared better against that swift and devastating Cambridge defence.

Actually Grieve was admirably level-headed, and some of his covering in moments of stress was first-rate. Walford also did uncommonly well, and I shall be surprised if we do not see him in the next England trial match. It would be interesting to try him at stand-off half, where he played at school.

The moral of the match, I suggest, is that sound forward play is still the most important phase of the game.

Lesson For Cambridge

A lesson for Cambridge whose fine attacking backs were robbed of their chances by forwards who had not learnt how to scrummage. Put the Cambridge backs behind the Oxford pack and there you have a great team.

It is difficult to understand why Cambridge have been unable to find a scrummaging pack. There must be plenty of sound, honest forwards in residence who could be taught to shove and bind and hollow the back and pack low. What Cambridge need most is a return to the scrummaging tradition, though perhaps we should look further, and say that what the game needs most is a return to the scrummaging tradition in the schools.

I do not maintain that Oxford scrummaged perfectly, but they were good in the tight and the line-out, and towards the end of the game particularly, some of their concerted loose rushes were splendid. In fact, we have not seen so useful a University pack for some years, though one thing did surprise me.

Where Oxford Erred

Oxford heeled the ball with extraordinary regularity, but not once did they bring off a really effective and properly executed wheel. They apparently attempted to wheel now and again, but there was never that violent swing of the front row which throws the second row wide, and without this swing a wheel can never be successful.

The game produced some lively forwards, Cooper, Blaxham and Hughes of Oxford, and Laborde and Dinwiddie of Cambridge. Some of these must surely be tried for their respective countries, and if Wales do not play Hughes against the All Blacks they will be making a serious mistake.

EDER'S AMBITION

Gustave Eder, the German and European welter-weight champion, is leaving for the United States, where he has several boxing engagements during the early part of next year. He hopes to get a chance of fighting for the world welter-weight title, at present held by Barney Ross.



L. Goldman and Miss R. Hancock, above, are expected to retain their Colony Mixed Doubles Lawn Tennis Championship title against H. D. Rumbach and Mrs. Chin Chun-chin, last year's finalists, at the C. R. C. next Saturday.

F.A. CUP DRAW ARSENAL TO VISIT LIVERPOOL

TWO MATCHES FOR LONDON IF SPURS WIN

London, To-day.

Sheffield Wednesday, holders of the F.A. Cup, will have to meet Newcastle in the Fourth Round on January 25, providing they beat Crewe in their replay to-morrow, while West Bromwich Albion, last year's finalists, will visit Bradford.

The only clash between First Division Clubs will take place at Anfield Road, where Liverpool will entertain the Arsenal.

The following is the draw: Bradford C. v. Blackburn or Bolton. Liverpool v. Arsenal. Norwich v. Chelsea v. Plymouth. Derby v. Notts F. Bradford v. West Bromwich. Millwall or Stoke v. Manchester U. Notts C. or Trammere v. Barnsley or Birmingham.

Tottenham or Southend v. Huddersfield. Manchester C. v. West Ham or Luton. Crewe or Wednesday v. Newcastle. Leicester v. Watford.

Port Vale v. Hartlepool or Grimsby. Wolves or Leeds v. Bury. Fulham v. Blackpool. Middlesbrough v. Clapton. Preston v. Burnley or Sheffield U. —Reuter.

SUNDERLAND DEFEATED

SURPRISE WIN FOR PORT VALE

London, To-day.

After sharing four goals with Sunderland, present leaders of the premier league, at Roker Park last Saturday, Port Vale, a Second Division Club, astounded the football world yesterday by winning their Third Round F.A. Cup replay by two clear goals on their own ground.—Reuter.

Port Vale will be at home to either Hartlepool or Grimsby in the Fourth Round on January 25. Last year Sunderland lost to Everton in the Fourth Round, while Port Vale were eliminated by West Bromwich Albion, the finalists, in the Third Round.

ELVIN WINS

Santos Eliminated By Nine Points

Only one match in the Senior Billiards Championship was played off last night, J. Elvin beating N. A. Santos by the narrow margin of 500 points, to 491 at the Kowloon Cricket Club.

The match between A. W. Grimmit and W. Hon Sling, which was scheduled to be played at the Club Lusitano, was postponed.

At the Cheero Club, Tai Kwai, last beat Man Che-man by 200 points to 271 in the Junior Billiards Championship.

Two Games To-day

Only two games are down for decision to-day, but to-morrow an excellent game should be witnessed in the Senior Division when Q. S. M. Staples, one of the most outstanding players in the Steel, Coulson Billiards and Snooker Leagues, will meet E. D. da Rosa, of the Lusitano Club, on the Civil Service Cricket Club table.

The following are to-day's fixtures: League: "Ma Chuen-mun" v. M. J. Medina (7) Reuter. J. Schiner v. S. G. Smith (7)

SCHMELING TO FIGHT JOE LOUIS

WINNER TO ENCOUNTER JAMES J. BRADDOCK

GERMAN APPEARS BEFORE N.Y.B.C.

New York, December 11.

MAX SCHMELING, the German boxer, has signed a contract to-day to fight Joe Louis, the Negro fighter, next June for the right to contest the heavy-weight boxing title of the world against James J. Braddock, the holder.

The contract is conditional on the outcome of Friday's match between Louis, who knocked out Max Baer, and Pauline Uzdun, the Basque who has never taken the count. With his manager, Joe Jacobs, and Mike Jacobs, head of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, the German boxer appeared this afternoon before the New York Boxing Commission.

As soon as all the members of the commission were assembled, Schmeling said: "Gentlemen, I came to this country at the invitation of the Madison-square Corporation to arrange a match with Braddock for the heavy-weight championship. I ask of you commissioners, will you approve such a match?"

Brigadier-General John J. Phelan, chairman of the commission, instantly replied: "This commission positively will not. So far as this body is concerned, Joe Louis has established himself as the outstanding contender for heavy-weight honours, and the only way Louis can be displaced is for some contender to eliminate him in a contest."

Schmeling's Rejoinder
 Quickly came Schmeling's rejoinder. "Then, gentlemen, I hereby go on record that I'm ready to fight Louis for the right to meet Braddock. Is that agreeable?"

His offer was accepted with one reservation—that if Louis is defeated by any man before his meeting with Schmeling, that man will have earned the right to fight the German Boxer for a match with Braddock.

SNOOKER LEAGUE

Royal Naval Yard Police In Form

WIN THREE MATCHES IN ROW

By winning their last three matches handsomely the Royal Naval Yard Police have moved from seventh to second place and are only one point behind the leaders in the Steel, Coulson's Snooker League.

In view of this the clash between these teams on Thursday next should prove most interesting.

The Catholic Union Club sustained their first defeat of the season, at the hands of the Prison Officers Mess.

Results of the most recent matches are:

R. E. 3	68	C. P. O.'s 2	15
Collins	55	Darwent	50
Morton	45	Fessey	50
Daniels	32	Edmonds	54
Wade	44	Rogerson	38
Warr	55	Ellier	22

Prison Officers 3

Pie	37	Santos	79
Heron	45	Periera	56
Hill	54	Da Luz	47
Shaw	61	Antonio	22
Perry	51	Gill	41

R.N.Y. Police 5

Stafford	46	J. Remedios	33
Fowler	48	Castilho	30
Bellamy	23	L. Remedios	25
Gwyther	67	Santos	23
Down	57	Castro	18

C.S.C.C. 4

Bower	29	Lewis	64
Bisson	40	Norris	57
Grimmitt	55	Waldie	9
Strange	61	Proom	12
Hillyer	47	Smith	22

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

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Catholic Union	9	8	1	32	13	17
R. N. Y. Police	10	5	5	31	19	13
Prison Officers	10	6	4	29	21	12
C.S.C.C.	10	5	5	24	26	11
Dockyard R.C.	10	4	6	24	26	10
Garrison Sgts.	8	5	3	22	18	10
R. E. Sgts.	9	4	5	29	25	10
R.W.F. Sgts.	6	5	1	19	11	10
C. & P.O.'s Club	9	2	7	15	30	9
St. Pats. Club	9	1	8	9	24	9

HAROLD LARWOOD'S BENEFIT MATCH

Harold Larwood, the Nottinghamshire and England fast bowler, who takes his benefit next season, has selected the "Notts" v. "Yorkshire" match at Trest Bridge beginning July 18.

JOCK McAVOY IMPRESSES U.S. FIGHT FANS

TO MEET AL McCOY ONCE AGAIN?

BEST MIDDLEWEIGHT SINCE DRISCOLL

(By "Fair Field")

London, December 11.
 I shall be very surprised if the Americans allow Jock McAvoy to leave their shores without another fight with Al McCoy, the French-Canadian from Maine, whom he so decisively defeated at Madison Square Garden in November.

All the American newspapers, which have been sent me by an American correspondent, were loud in their praises of the Manchester man, whose worrying, rugged methods and willingness both to give and take a punch, endeared him to the crowd from the start. "Can Fight Like Sixty—Plus!"

Hype Igoo, one of the foremost critics in America, wrote, "By all the echoes of Big Ben, the darling of John Bull's heart can fight like 60—plus! He thrashed the best light-heavyweight in this country."

"A fine fighting man from England," is the verdict of the "New York Herald Tribune," which praises his hard punching. "He fought like a young kid who has just received his Christmas presents."

Best Since Driscoll

A suggestion was made after the fight that McCoy had had to box six rounds in a steam room to make the weight, and that when he got into the ring he felt weak. His natural weight, apparently, is 12st 5lb, and the extra 3lb he had to take off handicapped him. I don't think that can be taken as a serious explanation of McCoy's defeat, for McAvoy, according to the American Press, won purely on his merits.

RECREIO ARE DOGGED BY BAD LUCK

(Continued from Page 4)

Her place was filled by Miss M. Roza, who, though a promising player, is not yet up to first division standard.

Recreio will play their last match of the season against "Y" Ladies, but even their most ardent supporter cannot hope for a win against this very much improved team. Miss C. Botelho will be returning to the team again which will line-up as under:


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LANCASHIRE'S NEW CRICKET CAPTAIN

T. P. Eckersley, having been elected to Parliament, has resigned the captaincy of Lancashire County Cricket Club, and the candidates for the position are W. H. Lister and Ernest Tyldeney, who proposes to play as an amateur. Lancashire last season made a profit of £876.

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The U.S. Silver Policy

Chaotic conditions in the silver markets of the world brought an explanation of American policy from Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary to the U.S. Treasury, last month. What he had to say left the situation little less obscure than before. America, he affirmed, was not ceasing to buy silver, but instead of buying in London, which for a hundred years has been the central market for the metal, she is making purchases at a number of centres. To those not in the secrets of the American Treasury, it would seem as if for the policy of buying silver to raise its price there had been substituted a desire to defeat the speculators.

America's silver policy, adopted as a concession to the silver interests, has had as unhappy a history as several other branches of the New Deal. Introduced with the declared belief that the raising of the value of silver would increase the purchasing power of the East, it has had exactly the contrary effect. China has been driven off silver to a paper currency. The United States Treasury has become the sole large buyer of silver. The vital question now would seem to be whether the silver interests in the States are powerful enough to compel the Administration to continue a policy that has become almost impossible of fulfilment with the enormous increase of America's gold stocks. If not, this section of the New Deal will be abandoned, and America will be left contemplating a tremendous loss on the silver purchases she has already made.

Anomalous Privilege

A few weeks ago, when the House of Lords was debating whether it was obligatory on Peers to wear hats if they attended the trial of Lord de Clifford, the Lord Chancellor observed that there was much to be said for the opinion that the trial of a Peer by his fellow Peers had "out-lived its usefulness." Now that the trial is over that view will command almost unanimous assent. Moreover, it is likely to find strong expression, and Lord Halsbury's pointed remark that the Peers may think it desirable to take an early occasion to express their view will not fall of its obvious purpose. It would, indeed, be well to create the opportunity while the memory of the trial is fresh, without waiting for a motion "in another place" protesting against the waste of public money. The function was picturesque and dignified, and was of interest as an historic survival, but why should the taxpayer have to pay £5,000, or whatever the precise amount may be, when the interests of justice would have been served just as well by resort to the ordinary procedure at the Old Bailey?

We would not speak disrespectfully of Magna Carta, but the authorities are as divided as ever as to the precise meaning of the words "judicium parium suorum," on which both Trial by Jury and Privilege of Peers are based. Privilege of Peers was claimed by the Peers to protect them against the Crown. Danger from that side ceased three centuries ago. To-day Privilege of Peers is quite wrongly associated in the public mind with the idea of some benefit

Here
There
and
Everywhere

AESTHETICS

The decision of the Friends of the Lake District to present a petition against afforestation in Eskdale, partly on the ground that extensive sheep rearing in the region is dependent on the scarcity of trees, is reminiscent of one of the most perfect examples of the one-way mind ever encountered.

A group of fell-walking old-timers were discussing with lugubrious shaking of heads the passing of colour from the mountain sides.

"They're all one dreary monotone now," lamented the bell-wether of the flock, a Colonel Blimp of the walking world. "And why? Because these farmers are allowed to let their sheep graze just anywhere they like now. All the grass nibbled to the same length and colour. Disgraceful!"

A DELIBERATE EXPLORER

Mr. St. John Philby is on his way back to Saudi Arabia, where he will probably remain for a year. His route takes him through France and Spain to North Africa and then skirts the Mediterranean coast through Morocco, Algeria, Libya and Egypt. With the exception of a few bad patches in Libya and Egypt, the road is said to be in excellent condition throughout. On his arrival in Arabia Mr. Philby intends to get to work on a detailed history in several volumes of post-war events in the Arabian Peninsula.

His deliberate habits as an explorer do not desert Mr. Philby when he returns to Europe. On a week-end trip to the sea he records the exact time of departure and arrival, the time spent at meals and the places where he has bought petrol. With the help of his notebooks he can reconstruct any journey he has made throughout the last 20 years.

Your Daily Smile!

There was a young lady named Cholmondeley,
Exceedingly graceful and comely;
She was sweet as a rose,
And should have had many beaux,
But she treated her suitors too drolmondeley.

Economical

A Scotch lover, wishing to know his fate at once, telegraphed a proposal of marriage to the girl of his choice. After spending the day hanging about the telegraph office, he was finally rewarded, late in the evening, by receiving an answer in the affirmative.

"If I were you, I'd think twice before marrying a girl that kept me waiting all day for an answer," said the postmaster.

"Na, na," retorted the Scot. "The lass who waits for the cheap night rates is the lass for me."

Willing

An itinerant musician was stranded in a village one Sunday morning, and as he was playing his cornet in the street, he was approached by the clergyman of the parish, who said, "Do you know the Fourth Commandment, my good man?"

"No," the man replied, "but if you'll just whistle it over, I'll do my best."

which is not shared by the Commons, and it is sure to be whispered into the ear of the groundlings that the only reason why a Peer claims to be tried by his Peers is to give him a better chance of acquittal. Nor have recent trials been impressive, especially that of Earl Russell, who was sentenced in 1901 to three months' imprisonment for bigamy and then ten years later received a free pardon. Last month, after the case for the prosecution had been presented, Lord de Clifford's counsel submitted that there was no case to answer, and during an adjournment the judges, who were attending in an advisory character, approved the contention. In an ordinary Court the hearing might not have lasted even so long. This trial has done nothing to justify the anomaly of Privilege of Peers and we hope it will be the last of its kind.

EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

Wine And Longevity

CHAIRMAN in the Department of Cote d'Or, is in the heart of the famous French Golden Coast wine country. Although wine is consumed here in a large proportion per capita than anywhere else in France, the locality has the largest percentage of longevity. In a total population of 357, there are 10 nonagenarians, 20 octogenarians, and a large number of septuagenarians. The population is healthy and there is no inebriety.

Deaf And Blind Musician

Helen May Martin of Merriam, Kansas, has been deaf and blind since a few days after birth, yet she has succeeded in becoming an accomplished musician, playing both the piano and the harp. At 33, she gives concerts frequently, and has a library of 6,000 pieces of music which she wrote in a system readable to the blind. Miss Martin memorises musical numbers by holding an ordinary tin can to catch the vibrations, and then plays them without missing a note.

GREEK MINISTER RESIGNS

Alleged Differences Of Opinion

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Athens, To-day.
The Minister of Education, M. Balanos, resigned yesterday owing to differences of opinion concerning the reinstatement of some university professors who had been dismissed as a result of the "purge" following the revolt last March. It is understood that M. Balanos opposed the reinstatement of some professors who had been protagonists of the Venizelist cause.—Trans-Ocean Service.

GERMAN TOURIST TRAFFIC TO SWITZERLAND

Berlin, To-day.—The recent decree suspending all the German tourist traffic to Switzerland has been revoked as a result of an agreement having been reached between the two Governments concerning the necessary modifications of the clearing agreement, which in its original form had not proved workable.—Trans-Ocean Service.

NAVAL POWERS IN CONFERENCE

SURVEY OF POSITION TO-DAY

REQUIREMENTS OF THE NATIONS IN FIELD OF SECURITY

(By The Marquess Of Lothian)

ARMAMENTS are the instruments of national policy in a world of Sovereign States, and the probability of success in any Disarmament Conference depends upon the possibility of agreement on policy. The Washington Naval Conference of 1922 reached agreement to limit the main categories of naval armament for two reasons.

The first was because the European group, Great Britain, France and Italy, were broadly satisfied with the peace settlement they had imposed, and through exhaustion wanted peace rather than change.

The second was because the naval Powers fronting on the Pacific were willing to agree upon the maintenance of the integrity of China and the "open door" therein, and "equality of security," as the basis of policy in the Far East. The latter was to be achieved by stabilising their fleets on the ratio of 5—5—3, which represented roughly their then relative strength, and by demilitarising the seas between the three main naval bases of Hawaii, Singapore and Japan.

The General Disarmament Conference which sat for so many years recently at Geneva, and the Three Power Naval Conference which met a year ago, failed because there was no agreement about policy. In the Pacific Japan was no longer willing to accept the political principle of the integrity of China, and demanded "parity," not in security, but in naval armaments.

In Europe, France was unwilling to concede arms equality to a resurgent Germany without guarantees for security more potent and more prompt than those contained in the Covenant of the League of Nations and the Locarno Treaties. Germany, on her part, was unwilling to continue legally "defenceless" 15 years after the Armistice and in view of the rapidly

rising military and air power of Soviet Russia.

Far East Main Centre

Is there, then, a political basis on which a successful naval agreement can now be arrived at in London? We can only speculate, as the Powers have not yet declared themselves.

The main centre of controversy is the British-American-Japanese triangle. The British and the Americans are still satisfied with the Washington principle. They want the integrity of China and the "open door" and "equality of security" in the Pacific.

Neither of them is willing to connive at the partition of China by Japan, partly for reasons of commercial self-interest, partly because, as unrepentant democracies, they both believe in the liberal international principles which prevailed in the World War, and were so eloquently set forth in President Wilson's speeches.


But neither of these Powers has so far been willing to intervene with Sanctions, blockade, or naval action under the Covenant of the League or the Nine-Power Washington Treaty to resist Japanese aggression against China, either singly or together, or in co-operation with the other members of the League, or signatories of the Kellogg Pact. That has become clear since 1931, though there is still controversy as to which Power bears most responsibility for the failure to take common action.

"Equality Of Security"

Both the British Empire and the United States seem adamantly resolved not to yield in the matter of "equality of security." They say that the history of the past five years proves that Japan already has security, because her co-signatories have not felt strong enough to interfere with her violations of the Nine-Power Treaty; that the United States

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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"VICTORIA" OFFERS EVERY FACILITY

The new Italian motor liner Victoria, of the Lloyd Triestino Company, which will arrive on her maiden voyage to the Far East on January 19, will fill the two primary needs of modern travel, speed and comfort.

This wonder motor-ship is 164.50 m. long, has a beam of 20.54 m., and a draft of 13 m. The liner is capable of attaining a speed of 23 knots and will take 24 days from Shanghai to Genoa, touching at Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Massowah, Port Said and Naples.

Naval marine construction as a progressive science cannot be better exemplified than in the case of the Victoria. Inspection of her luxurious saloons, her lengthy promenades, her spacious games decks, all combine to indicate to a wonderful degree how little, in creating the environment of a de luxe hotel, does the naval architect give evidence of restrictions due to the exigencies of ship construction.

SOCIAL LIFE OFFERED

The attractive social life provided by the Victoria bids defiance to ennui. Abundance of cool shade is provided for hot weather crossing; the subdued strains of classical music form a fitting background for the easy chit-chat of afternoon tea, whilst following dinner, worthy of Lucullus, the rhythmic strains of dance music, the vivid interest of the modern cinema, or peaceful leisure in a luxurious deck chair, account all too quickly for the flying hours, the Company states.

Luxury with refinement, spaciousness with comfort, are the motives underlying the decoration and arrangement of the first-class passenger accommodation. The delicate colour schemes give evidence of that harmonious blending of such diverse materials as wood, glass, fabric and metal, which is so typical of modern decorative art. The technical expert has combined with the artist to perfect the design of the spacious saloons.

FIRST-CLASS ROOMS

The typical first-class room is most comfortably furnished with bed, wardrobe, chest of drawers, table, couch and armchair; while equally important is the provision in each case of a private bath; a notable travel amenity resplendent in shining porcelain, and complete with modern fittings. Choice of de luxe accommodation is provided by six self-contained suites. Each suite consists of bedroom, sitting-room and bath-room, and affords an exquisite ensemble of that perfect refinement and luxury so typical of the whole of the first-class accommodation.

Similar comfort, if with less luxury, will be found in the second class. The vestibule leading to the spacious public saloons, the dining-room, smoking-room and bar, the writing-room and commodious promenade decks, the double and four-berth cabins, all combine to make evident the company's solicitude for the comfort of the passenger travelling second class.

MODERATE CHARGES

Too long has travelling on a luxury liner such as the Victoria been adjudged the prerogative of the wealthy; that it is within the reach of the traveller of moderate means is evidenced by the provision of a most attractive second economic class. Here will be found a brightly-furnished dining room, a spacious bar, covered and open air promenades, with very completely furnished double, four and six berth cabins. It is to be hoped that such an attractive facility will tempt further afield many travellers of modest means whose travel activities have thus far been confined to Europe.

Considering the hot climate on the India-Far East route, ventilation in the passenger



"Unknown Woman," a Columbia picture starring Marian Marsh and Richard Cromwell, will be shown at the King's Theatre this week.

ALBANIAN ROYAL WEDDING

Great Festivities In Tirana

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

The marriage of the Princess Senije, one of the sisters of the King of Albania, and Prince Mehmed Abid, the youngest son of Sultan Abdul Hamid, took place in the Royal Palace here on Sunday. The King, members of the royal family, members of the Cabinet, a Parliamentary delegation, the leading officials of the civil and military authorities and the members of the diplomatic corps attended the ceremony.

The President of the Chamber, assisted by the President of the Supreme Court, officiated at the civil wedding. Following a luncheon tendered in their honour the young royal couple left for Durazzo, from where they will start on their honeymoon trip abroad.

The entire capital, which showed a gay aspect, all the streets being decorated with flags and bunting, took part in the festivities staged in connection with the royal wedding—Trans-Ocean Service.

RUDYARD KIPLING'S ILLNESS

Condition Grave, But Holding His Own

London, To-day.

The famous writer Rudyard Kipling was taken seriously ill at a London Hotel on Monday night and underwent an urgent operation at the Middlesex Hospital yesterday morning.

Mr. Kipling, who is 70, left his Sussex home at the end of last week and was staying in London preparatory to going aboard for the winter months, according to his usual habit. A bulletin issued last evening states: "The condition of Mr. Kipling is considered rather grave. At the moment he is holding his own."—British Wireless Service.

FLAX LEVY SUGGESTED

Ulster Farmers' Union are suggesting to the Northern Ireland Government a levy on flax imports, to be used to guarantee home growers a fair price for their flax.

accommodations, cabins as well as social rooms, has been carefully studied and adapted in a special manner. In this regard, the Victoria has been fitted with the most modern air conditioning plants, consisting of 44 ventilating appliances, such as ventilators, extractors, refrigerators, exhausters, and powerful thermostats. These provide a complex of means ensuring always a permanently cool spring-like temperature.

The ship is expected back in Hong Kong on January 26, and will sail for Manila, the Straits, Ceylon, India and Egypt the same day.

ATTEMPT AT HOLD-UP ON AMERICAN BATTLESHIP

Able Seaman Demands Pay-Roll At Revolver Point

Los Angeles.

An able-seaman, brandishing a revolver, has staged a "hold-up" on board the battleship California, 33,000-ton flagship, American Pacific Fleet.

The ship was 150 miles from land.

The seaman "covered" the paymaster and demanded the ship's pay-roll.

The paymaster refused to hand over the money. He went for the seaman with his fists. The seaman was overpowered and put in irons.

Now he is to appear before a naval court.

NEW MUSIC ON THE AIR

Latin American Rhythms

BROADCASTS AUDIBLE IN FAR EAST

A new and unique type of Latin American music is being presented to American radio listeners by Jose Manzanera and his South American orchestra, who began a series of broadcasts on Sunday, December 1, 1935, from 2.30 to 3.00 p.m., E.S.T., over the Columbia Broadcasting System, on behalf of the new Lincoln-Zephyr car.

Manzanera and his orchestra, which is almost entirely comprised of a successful five months' engagement in the patio of the Ford Exposition at the San Diego, California, exposition. The orchestra was also featured at the Ford-Lincoln exhibits in New York City, Philadelphia and Boston. The programmes, which include rumba and tango rhythms, ancient Inca selections, and South American folk music, intermezzi and classics, have been accorded an enthusiastic reception by listeners.

Rhythms Mastered

Aided by the extensive musical knowledge possessed by every member of the South Americans, Jose Manzanera has succeeded in mastering every known rhythm of Latin America. He has studied the native music of many of the South American countries and has captured the original musical interpretations of old folk songs of these countries, many of which had never been written before. Manzanera put them to paper.

The young Maestro boasts a repertoire of at least 5,000 selections—most of which are privately-owned manuscripts given him by composers and directors. These programmes are being broadcast on short wave by W2XK New York, 15270 kilocycles, and W3XAU Philadelphia, 9590 kilocycles. Short-wave set owners in the Far East should be able to hear these programmes.

DEER TO BE SHOT

Thirty deer on an estate taken over for housing steel workers near Cork, Northants, are to be shot because of damage done to the gardens of new houses.

To-day's Short Story

Sketch Of An Old Woman

By George Albee

ALONE, frightened by unfamiliarity, yet brave and proud because I was the man of the family, I stood on the sidewalk and watched the grunting workmen unload our new furniture from the van. My mother stayed in the strange house, telling them where to set the chairs and tables and the long tubes that would be rugs when they were unrolled.

I gazed up and down the unknown street, wondering what it held for me, and a fat old woman waddled out of the house next to ours, a frame cottage of three or four rooms, and stood on her porch staring at me. I stared back. I had never seen anyone like her. My young eyes travelled up from her huge, shapeless ankles, across what seemed acres and acres of pink gingham to her face.

She had three chins. Like her chins, her nose was purplish; a great beak, spongy with pores, which made me think at once of my mother's lavender pin-cushion. She took off her gold-rimmed spectacles to wipe them and I saw that they left deep purple grooves across her nose and in the pouches of fat under her eyes. Her eyes were small and watery. Drawn back to a tight knot stuck full of yellow celluloid hairpins, her hair looked like fine aluminium wire which was turning yellow.

While I gaped, an old man came around the corner of the house from its back yard. He carried a sickle and there were green springs of alfalfa caught between his

shoe-laces. In the clear morning sunlight his short grey beard had the sheen of silk, his blue eyes were bright, and pink showed on his browned cheeks. His brass collar-button flashed in the sun spurring a small jet of brown-gold fire. He wore no collar. "He's her husband" I guessed.

How different from her he was! He was a trim, clean little steel rod, set beside a big ball of dough. For, though his braces were stained with sweat and his trousers were spotted, cleanliness was the impression that came over to me the moment I saw him. There was in him a childish simplicity which I, a child of ten, discerned instantly. "I like him," I said to myself. "I wonder what he's going to say to her." He stopped, and I heard his quiet drawing voice plainly.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Count And The Wedding Guest," by O. Henry.

"Now, S'reeny," he reproached her gently, with a shake of his silver-blue beard. He said nothing more.

I understood. He was ashamed. He was ashamed because the fat woman was watching as we, her new neighbours, moved into our house.

"I'll watch if I damned please," I heard her snap at him. "You go along, Old Dave!"

Nor did she budge until the men swung up the tail-gate of the building van and made it fast with rattling chains. Then, with a final blink at me, as though I were now her partner in a secret wickedness, she turned and waddled in out of sight.

That afternoon, too tired to wash another cup or hang another picture, Mother and I stood on our porch with our arms around one another's waists, looking out in fascination upon the new land to which we had come, this California. Snow had turned Chicago black and white, as our train had left it and pointed west across the prairie, but here there was nothing but bright colour, parcelled into the strangest of shapes.

"Just think, dear," we'll have flowers all the year round," my mother was saying, when the old woman next-door broke into our entrance. She came limping painfully towards us across the lawn. Blowing hard, and shoving down upon her pillow-like thighs with her hands, she climbed the tan cement steps to us.

"I'm Mrs. Hanks, your neighbour next door," she panted. "I brought over a couple glasses of my grape for you." She fanned herself with one hand, holding out two bottles of sparkling purple jelly with the other.

"Oh, how good of you!" Mother thanked her, and told me to run in and get a chair. As I lugged the chair out, dragging it across the floor littered with wrapping-paper, I was apprehensive. The larger chairs were beyond my strength, but I was afraid the light one I had chosen might break.

"This is my son, Mrs. Hanks," mother said.

"Well, now, I don't mind if I do sit for a spell. My, what a big boy, ain't he?" Serena drew me to her and explored my arm, stroking and squeezing it. I stood for it, because I was the man of the family and must bear all things for my mother's sake, but I clenched my teeth.

"My man, Old Dave, says to tell you hello when I come over," she went on. "He's putting with them rabbits of his. The crazy old coot don't do nothing all day long but putter with them damned rabbits. My, ain't I tickled to see a young widow-woman coming to live by me! Ain't a soul in the neighbourhood fit to spit on. All old fogies like Dave—a bunch of Jesus-shouters, that throw cat-fits if a body touches a drop and has some fun."

"Yes, yez," Mother was interrupting her nervously, glancing at me.

But Serena was not to be shut up. Here was the eagerness of heaven knew how many starved years. At last, she thought, she had found a companion. "Say,"

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NEW AIRPORTS FOR K.L.M.

Proposed Stop At Rhodes

An airport on the island of Rhodes in the Mediterranean will shortly be opened for traffic. The K.L.M. are considering the possibility of changing their route to the Far East, and to fly from Athens via Rhodes and Alexandria to Cairo, instead of from Athens via Solun on the North African coast to Cairo, as at present.

This change would mean that the heavy load of petrol which is now taken on board at Athens for the non-stop flight across the Mediterranean would not be necessary.

Lydda Airport

The airport at Lydda near Jerusalem is also nearing completion, and is expected to be opening for traffic in the very near future.

At Bushire, Iran, the airport has recently been enlarged and improved. These improvements were undertaken by the Iranian Government after representations had been made by the K.L.M., and have been completed with commendable speed.

AIR LINERS DELAYED

Bad Weather Met In Mediterranean

The storms which have been raging over the Mediterranean these past few weeks, have caused some delay on the Far Eastern service. The K.L.M. airliner Sparrowhawk, flying east after leaving Amsterdam on November 20, was held up for one day. Also the planes which left Amsterdam on November 23, 27 and 30 suffered delay because of the bad weather, but arrived in Batavia only one day behind schedule, making the trip in 7½ instead of 6½ days.

UNLUCKY CHURCH

A fire which occurred at St. James's Church, Gravesend, was the third recently. There have also been several robberies there.

JAW FRACTURED AT GOLF

Dr. C. R. Alderson, of Eastbourne, had his jawbone fractured by a ball when playing golf at Willington. He finished the round.

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Duck	" 28	22	" Roast	" 30	24
Doves	each 35	22	" Breast	" 24	29
Eggs, Hen (cooked)	per doz. 30	18	" Soup	" 25	20
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	" 32	25	" Steak	" 30	24
Fowl, Hainan	lb. 42	35	" Steak Sliced	" 45	30
" Canton	" 64	—	" Sausages	" 36	26
Geese	" 34	23	Bullock's Brains	per set 17	10
Pigeons, Canton	each 48	80	" Tongue, fresh	each 70	50
" Hainan	" 30	20	" Head, corned	" 1.00	60
Turkeys, Cock	" 90	—	" Heart	each 24	20
" Hen	" 75	61	" Hump, Salt	" 20	20
Snipe	each 16	—	" Feet	" 12	10
Pheasant	pair 1.70	2.20	" Kidneys	" 12	10
Quail	each 17	—	" Tail	" 25	20
Partridge	" 60	10	" Liver	lb. 24	13
FRUITS.					
Almonds	lb. 90	35	" Tripe	" 80	6
Lemons, China	" 8	—	Calves' Head & Feet	set 1.80	1.00
Bananas (Orléans)	" 5	4	Mutton Chop	lb. 44	28
Carambola	" 10	10	" Leg	" 44	28
Coconuts	each 10	10	" Shoulder	" 40	28
Apples (California)	lb. 24	26	" Saddle	" 44	—
Lemons, American	each 14	10	" Brains	per set 10	—
Oranges, Dried	lb. 1.20	25	Pigs' Chiselings	" 33	27
Oranges (Canton)	" 12	—	" Feet	" 12	15
Oranges (Sweet)	" 18	—	" Fry	" 26	15
Pears (Canton)	" 12	—	" Head	" 15	29
Oranges (American)	each 12	—	" Kidneys	" 12	10
Persimmons, Large	" 12	—	" Liver	" 28	20
Pineapple, Siam	each 12	12	Pork Chop	" 28	26
Walnuts	lb. 20	—	" Loins	" 32	—
Grapes	" 32	—	" Leg	" 28	60
VEGETABLES, ETC.					
Artichokes	lb. 8	—	" Fat or Land	" 24	21
Beans, Sprout	" 4	—	Sheep's Head & Feet	per set 90	60
" Long	" 4	—	" Heart	each 12	8
Beetroot	" 8	—	" Kidneys	" 15	10
Brinjals, Green	" 6	5	" Liver	lb. 45	80
" Red	" 10	—	Sucking Pigs to Order	lb. 45	35
Cabbage, Chinese	lb. 12	—	Suet, Beef	" 30	28
Cauliflowers (Large)	each 20	—	Suet, Pork	" 32	28
" (Medium)	" 16	—	Suet, Mutton	" 36	28
" (Small)	" 8	—	" Sausages	" 22	—
Carrots	lb. 5	—	" No. 1	" 22	—
Celery, Chinese	" 16	10	FISH.		
Chilies, Dried	" 25	—	Barbel	lb. 38	15
" Red	" 18	16	Canton Fresh	" 20	—
" Green	" 10	8	" Water Fish	" 20	—
Curry Stuff, English	" 10	8	Codfish	" 30	15
Cucumbers	" 10	6	Crabs	" 45	65
Garlic	" 12	7	Cuttle Fish	" 14	65
Ginger, Young	" 10	20	Dace	" 36	10
" Old	" 40	8	Proper	" 45	26
Horseradish, Siam	" 40	8	Eels Congee	" 65	—
Indian Corn	each 6	—	Eels Yellow	" 25	16
Lettuces	lb. 6	1	Garoupa	" 50	85
Onions, Bombay	" 3	8	Gudgeon	" 18	40
" Green	" 6	4	Herrings	" 20	22
" Shanghai	" 4	6	Halibut	" 32	13
Parsley	" 29	60	Lobster	" 46	68
Potato, sweet	" 4	8	Mackerel	" 26	62
" Japanese	" 3	8	Minlet	" 26	13
" American	" 4	4	Oysters	" 24	12
Radish	" 6	—	Pearl	" 16	30
Spinach	" 12	—	Plaice	" 34	16
Tomatoes	" 12	—	Pomfret, White	" 32	33
Watercress	" 7	15	Pomfret, Black	" 24	26
Vegetable Marrow	" 12	—	Prawns	" 54	10
Water Lily Root	" 6	—	Salmon	" 45	36
Spinach	lb. 6	—	Shark	" 16	26
Tomatoes	" 12	—	Skate	" 16	10
Watercress	" 7	15	Shrimps	" 26	32
Vegetable Marrow	" 12	—	Tenck	" 26	12
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NEW CONDITIONS IN SAAR

PROBLEMS BEFORE GOVERNMENT

ECONOMIC MATTERS SETTLED

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Saarbrücken, To-day.—The celebrations in honour of the first anniversary of the Saar plebiscite culminated yesterday evening in a big parade of the various National-Socialist formations before the Minister of the Interior, Dr. Frick, and the Saar Commissioner, Herr Buerckel, who from their tribune opposite the town hall watched the march past, which lasted over an hour.

The first speaker, Herr Buerckel, after emphasising that the result of the plebiscite had been a triumph for German blood, gave a short survey of the problems confronting the Government on taking over the Saar territory and how they had been tackled. The most difficult problem had been the economic one, since the prices of all necessities of life were previously lower in the Saar than in the rest of Germany, just as wages had also been lower, while with reincorporation into Germany the Saar suddenly lost its principal market.

Prompt Measures

Prompt measures had therefore become necessary in order to settle these questions simultaneously. A further difficult problem had been the reorganisation of the municipalities and parishes in the interests of better urban and parochial development.

The greatest change in this connection had been carried out by the amalgamation of the Saar-Louis with the four surrounding parishes, whereby, as had been proclaimed by Dr. Frick earlier in the day, Saar-Louis had received its former name of Saarlandern, which was changed in the time of Louis XIV.

Jewish Problem

Referring to the Saar agreement signed by Germany in Rome with the guarantor Powers, Herr Buerckel stated that 95 per cent. of the Jews there had left the Saar territory by March 1, taking the fullest advantage of the financial privileges granted them by the Rome agreement. As for those who had voted for the status quo, "nobody," said Herr Buerckel, "could expect us to fall on their necks."

Stressing that the population of the Saar, by their answer in the plebiscite, had shown themselves to be not Prussians, Bavarians, South Germans, Catholics and Protestants but just Germans, the speaker declared that any hope of internal disunity in Germany in the future would be doomed to disappointment.

Cannons And Tanks

"We do not want the French to have internal disorders or England to be faced with revolts," concluded Herr Buerckel, "but nobody can impress us either any longer with cannons and tanks. Only one thing can impress us: that others regard it as a matter of honour not to encroach on our honour, so that, at peace with all, we can work for our children's future. Our greatest inward joy is that we are Germans and have Herr Hitler."

The Minister of the Interior, Dr. Frick, also stressed the historical significance of the Saar plebiscite, which had been a memorable start for the year 1935, the year in which Herr Hitler, with political foresight, had made the German nation a present of military independence.

Problems Ahead

Describing the problems still awaiting fulfilment in the Saar, Dr. Frick designated the transportation of the Saar output from the French to the German market as the principal event, while the adjustment of wages and prices to the average obtaining in the rest of Germany and the revival of economic life in the Saar by means of ambitious employment-creating projects came next in order of importance.

The guiding principle had been and still was to find work for as many citizens as possible, with the economic means at their disposal.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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Situation Still Obscure

ABYSSINIAN PRESSURE INCREASING

Dessie: The situation on the northern front still remains obscure. While the reports of the recapture of Makalle appear to be at least premature, the pressure exerted by the Abyssinian troops seems to be increasing and, according to the news received here, the Italian experts consider it possible that the headquarters will be compelled to withdraw the small garrison from Makalle over well-nigh impassable roads.

Well-informed quarters believe it unlikely that the Abyssinians will attempt a frontal attack upon Makalle, and the opinion prevails that they will apply themselves mainly to the task of cutting the enemy's communications, whereby their efforts will probably be concentrated in the first place on the Tembien region, which is already the scene of continuous embittered fighting.

Mobilisation for the whole of Southern Abyssinia has been ordered by Ras Desta, and it is expected that this measure will increase the Abyssinian fighting strength by some 200,000 men.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Expected Bombing Of Addis Ababa

POPULATION WARNED

Addis Ababa, earlier: An official announcement warning the inhabitants of Addis Ababa of an impending aerial bombardment by the Italians was read in all the churches of the Abyssinian capital on Sunday. The days from January 20 to 22, when many thousands will flock to the capital from the provinces for the celebration of the Epiphany festival, are mentioned as the probable dates of the expected bombardment by the authorities, which have ordered the population of the capital to prepare bomb-proof shelters before January 20, threatening to fine those who fail to obey the Government's instructions.—Trans-Ocean Service.

'CITY OF KHARTOUM' DISASTER

Failure To Establish Real Cause

London, To-day.

An Alexandria message states that the inquiry held there yesterday on the victims of the "City of Khartoum" disaster on New Year's Eve has failed to reveal its cause. The pilot and sole survivor, Captain Wilson, repeated his earlier statement, that within one minute of dispatching the last wireless call all the engines failed simultaneously, and suggested that the cause might have been an obstruction or break in the petrol feed.

The Inspector of the Air Ministry told the coroner that it would be a month before evidence on the expert detailed investigation on the wreckage could be made available.—British Wireless Service.

ROAD SAFETY IN LONDON

Experiment In East End District

London, To-day.

In continuation of the campaign for road safety plans are in consideration between the Ministry of Transport and one of the east-end London Borough Councils for an experiment on a larger scale than hitherto, with guard rails between the footway and carriage way.

The suggestion is to place rails along about six miles of pavement in one of the roads with the worst record for street accidents, with openings at marked pedestrian crossings. At each crossing, signal lights actuated by pedestrians desirous of getting to the other side of the street would control vehicular traffic.—British Wireless Service.



This example of the Grecian motif which is becoming more and more popular in this season's evening gowns is worn by Anya Taranda of the films, formed of the palest blue chiffon and adorned with decorative flowers, a circlet of which is seen on the draped bodice.

BY-ELECTION IN SCOTLAND

Mr. M. MacDonald's Candidature

PREMIER'S STRONG SUPPORT

London, To-day.

The Ross and Cromarty Liberal Association has rejected the offer of Mr. Randolph Churchill, who was adopted on Saturday as a candidate in the forthcoming by-election by the local Conservative Association, to stand down if the former body would nominate a Liberal National candidate in place of the Dominions Secretary, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, who was defeated in the General Election as the National Labour candidate, but accepted the Liberal invitation to be nominated in succession to the retiring Liberal National Member for Ross and Cromarty, Sir Ian MacPherson.

Mr. MacDonald has received a telegram from the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, stating that he has the Premier's wholehearted support, and strongly urging Unionists, in the interests of the National Government, to support Mr. MacDonald as they did Sir Ian MacPherson.—British Wireless Service.

LONDON NAVAL PARLEY

(Continued from Page 1)

STILL CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM.—London: The First Committee of the London Naval Conference meets this morning after an interval of several days necessitated by the discussions between the delegations arising out of the Japanese delegates' desire to secure a rediscussion of their proposal for a "common upper limit."

The Japanese Cabinet met on Sunday and the newspapers believe that the effect of the instructions sent to the delegates in London from Tokyo will be that, following further elucidation of the Japanese proposal, which has not won the support of the other delegations, the Conference will resume consideration of the suggestions for the exchange of information and for qualitative disarmament.

The fears that the Japanese might leave the Conference if their proposal were not accepted, which had been expressed in some papers, recently, appear to have been allayed, and the expectation is that the search for an agreement will continue in the spirit of goodwill which has characterised the attitude of all the delegations since the Conference opened.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

M. R. Soulange-Teissier, the former French Consul-General in Hong Kong, who left recently for France, has successfully undergone a serious operation and is making rapid strides towards complete recovery.

Dr. Lai Po Chuen will give a course of Home Nursing Lessons in Chinese at St. John Ambulance Headquarters, commencing next Friday, at 5.15 p.m.

An unknown Chinese female, aged about 60 years, was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon in an unconscious condition. She had thrown herself into the harbour off the Praya wall near the China Fleet Club at about 4 p.m. She was rescued by A. B. Foster of H.M.S. Phoenix.

Bishop R. O. Hall leaves next month for Pakhoi, where he will ordain as priest Dr. George Lawrence Russell. Dr. Russell will be remembered here for his talk to the Hong Kong Rotary Club on leprosy and for the reports on the excellent work he has been doing at Pakhoi in this connection. He is now to add ministerial duties to his medical work there.

The General Meeting of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association for January will take place next Thursday at 5.30 p.m. in the Hall of St. Joseph's College, Kennedy Road. Dr. G. M. Hargreaves, Medical Officer of Schools, will speak on "The Chief Physical Disorders among Hong Kong School Children, and Methods of Prevention."

WHISKY FOR THE BAILIFF!

Indian On Serious Charge

ALLEGATION OF FALSE PRETENCES

Gajjan Singh, unemployed, of No. 8, Morrison Road, ground floor, made his appearance before Mr. E. L. Wynne-Jones at the Kowloon Police Court this morning on a charge of having obtained, on January 9 last, one bottle of House of Lords whisky from Dr. I. S. Jose and Mrs. Hester Wong, partners of the International Boarding House, by falsely pretending that it was to be given to the 1st Bailiff, Supreme Court, with whom he would use his influence in connection with a distress warrant issued against the boarding house.

A second charge of obtaining \$20 by the same false pretence, from the complainants, on January 10, was also preferred against the defendant.

In answer to the charge Gajjan Singh pleaded not guilty. Detective-Inspector Whant, who was in charge of the case for the prosecution, said that he had given permission to the complainants not to attend court, as there was a distress warrant against the Boarding House and they were trying to put matters right.

Substantial Bail

The hearing was then fixed for the afternoon of Monday next and when defendant asked for bail, the officer for the prosecution asked that a substantial sum be fixed, adding that the defendant was unemployed and that there were two rather serious charges against him. Bail in the sum of \$250 was fixed.

Addressing the defendant, Mr. Wynne-Jones said: "I have put this case off till Monday. You've got six days, and if you are going to get a solicitor, for goodness sake do it at once. It is no use your instructing a solicitor at 12 o'clock on Monday and then he comes up here and asks for an adjournment, saying that he has had no time to go into the case. If you're going to get a solicitor, you've got to get one in time. I'm not going to stand any nonsense."

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. George Hill, clerk, residing at No. 5, Baseline Terrace, Hong Kong, and Miss Margaret Gopdie Wilson, of Longside, Glasgow, who is en route to the Colony by the s.s. Corfu.

Dr. D. W. Trautman, C.M.G., Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary, is proceeding on leave aboard the Empress of Japan to-day, accompanied by Mrs. Trautman.

A whist and mah jongg drive in aid of the Police Branch of the Ministering League is being held at the Police Recreation Club this afternoon beginning at 3 p.m. Admission is \$1, including tea. Mah jongg players are asked to bring their own sets.

The "Invicta" Concert Party of H.M.S. Kent are giving a concert in the Cheero Club to-morrow, beginning at 9 p.m. All are welcome.

His Honour the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. R.R. Lindsell, is proceeding to Shanghai to-day by the Empress of Japan to sit in a Full Court of Appeal.

A preliminary rehearsal of string players for the forthcoming performance of Handel's "Messiah" by the Hong Kong Singers next month has been called for Thursday next, from 5.30 to 7 p.m. in the West Lounge of the Y.M.C.A., Salisbury Road, Kowloon. (by kind permission). Intending players who have not received an invitation to attend are asked to communicate at once with Miss L. A. Lock, No. 18 Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong. Tel. 26206.

Don Juan de Bourbon and the Princess Maria Juan de Bourbon de Orleans arrived in Hong Kong to-day, from Shanghai, aboard the Andre Lebon, accompanied by their official escort, the Viscount de Rocamora. The young prince, who is the fifth child of the former King and Queen of Spain, is in direct succession should the throne be restored to the House of Bourbon, since his two older brothers have abdicated in his favour.

SEPARATION OF BURMA

Financial Aspects Considered

London, To-day.

The India Office announces that in order to give effect to the Government of India and the Partition of Burma Acts, prescribing as from the date provisional autonomy comes into operation that Burma shall cease to be a province of India, and with a view to defining the sums payable by Burma to India, the Secretary for India has adopted, subject to minor modifications, the recommendations of the tribunal presided over by Mr. L. S. Amery, and has appointed an application committee to draw up a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Central Government of India at the date of separation and to assign a value thereto, and to advise the Secretary of State as to the assessment of the sums to be paid by Burma.

The committee will be guided by the recommendations of the tribunal.—British Wireless Service.

FINNISH FERRY DISASTER

Seventeen People Drowned

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Helsingfors, To-day.—Seventeen persons were drowned when the ferry plying between Langoe, at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, and the island of Russarö capsized. Only seven passengers and the crew of the ferry were able to save themselves.

The latter owe their lives to the fact that they were on deck at the moment when the catastrophe occurred, while the remaining passengers were crowded together in the cabins below the lower deck.—Trans-Ocean Service.

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The Columbia picture "Unknown Woman" featuring Marian Marsh and Richard Cromwell is coming to the King's Theatre this week.

Sketch Of An Old Woman

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she ejaculated, puffing, "let's you and me go. Christmas shopping down town to-morrow. Mrs. I got fifty dollars I been pinching off Dave, to buy me some pretty duds with. He's awful close, but I fool him. Last year I got me some pretty pink lace drawers. They was twenty dollars, but I told him they was five."
 She chuckled, her mass of flesh bouncing. "I ain't going to let no old man spoil my fun." Panting, she replaced her spectacles, which had jiggled away on her nose. "Got to get me some new specs, too," she added. "I bought these down to the five-and-ten-cent store, but they ain't fit for sour apples. Come along. I got lots of money. I want you should buy yourself some pretty things, too. You'll want 'em, dearie. You'll be hunting yourself a new man soon."
 "Oh, I'm afraid I'll be much too busy, Mrs. Hanks. There's so much work, you know, moving into a new house."
 "Aw," Serena sighed, and then brightened as she looked at my pretty young mother's delicately powdered cheeks and tinted lips. "Say," she demanded, "what's that there young stuff you got on you? I seen young girls with it, but I never knowed what it was."
 "Why, rice powder and lip-rouge," Mother told her. "I'm afraid you think me immodest, don't you?"
 "Paint, eh? My, but you smell sweet. I bet the boys are crazy about you. You'll be getting yourself a new man right soon, I bet, won't you, dearie?"
 "Oh, please!" My father's death had come only a month earlier.
 "A pretty little thing like you won't have no trouble at all looking a new one."
 "Mrs. Hanks, I'll never marry again," Mother said. "Please don't speak of it."
 Serena shrugged her great, soft shoulders. "See's full of fish. You bet your boots when Old Dave kicks the bucket I'm going to get me a young one. Well, I wish you could come shopping with me, but I want you should come over to our house for Christmas dinner anyhow. Dave's an old fogey, and he don't understand young folks like us; but don't you mind him. When it comes to doing the things the young folks do I'm a regular high-kicker."
 Mother closed her eyes. I knew that she was trying to hold back the tears. "Well, come. Thank you," she said, and, pressing her handkerchief to her lips, ran into our barren new living-room.
 The old woman did not get up from her chair. She chuckled, gazing after Mother. If she had tried to go into the house I would have assumed the door in her face. I hated her so. With another look at the clock, but Serena had winked the rose, wheezing, and was hurrying him into selling his land down the river and across the sea, moving to Los Angeles.
 "As nearly as he could manage, I was sitting on the porch the next morning, reading, when the

postman came up the walk. "Hello, Professor," he greeted me, with courteous irreverence, since my book was "The Rover Boys in an Airplane." "What's your name? I'd better know your name, or maybe I won't bring you the right mail." He was a friendly shy young man, with big ears and a neck far too thin for the collar of his blue-grey uniform. Mother came out and talked to him. "Ma'am," he said, "I was passing by yesterday when this old lady next door came over to see you." He hesitated, gathered his courage, and went on: "Say, what's wrong with her, anyhow? Is she crazy? Every time I leave letters for her she tries to get me to stay for dinner."
 "You've been in the neighbour-hood longer than I have. You know more about her than I do," Mother said.
 "One time she said she'd give me five dollars to buy some whisky, if I'd go dancing with her."
 "They're old country people. It's just her way of trying to be social."
 The postman pulled one of his big ears. "She acts like she thinks she's a girl," he observed. "I was afraid she was crazy. Well, I'll be going."
 Christmas, to Serena Hanks, was a day for great eating and drinking, we learned. Beside my mother and me she had two other guests, a niece, whose name was Kitty, and the niece's fourteen-year-old daughter, Wilhelmina. Mother and daughter alike wore garish dresses, bangles and rank perfume. The old woman apologized for them, explaining to us aside that they were "poor relations," but I noticed that she copied their flashy clothing faithfully. She wore a purple satin dress, striped with broad bands of gilt lace, and she blazed with rings and bracelets.
 She refused to let the younger women help her in the kitchen. Mother and Kitty sat in Old Dave's den, under a yellowed battle-flag, with Wilhelmina giggling over the plush albums. I sat with Dave in the living-room, listening to his stories of Antietam Creek and Gettysburg. Through the open door of the kitchen I could see Serena topping about, stopping every few minutes to gulp something from a wicker-dad demitasse-john.
 Dave told me of his own boy-hood. Starting his life in the Iowa fields, in a day when hands were scarce, he had come up to the city, down for fifty cents, all his years of dogged toil had rooted him in peace and abiding love to the earth. Growing old, he had asked only to sit for a few years, looking over the turnrowed black acres which he had earned before he died, and bequeathed to the rich.
 "I'm afraid," he said, "but Serena had winked the rose, wheezing, and was hurrying him into selling his land down the river and across the sea, moving to Los Angeles."
 "As nearly as he could manage, I was sitting on the porch the next morning, reading, when the

SOLDIERS' CHANCE REUNION

Meeting Of Three In Durban Street

COMRADES OF 1894

Durban.—In April, 1894 the non-commissioned officers of "D" Company, Natal Royal Rifles—now the Royal Durban Light Infantry—were assembled together and photographed. Of the eleven men in the group, four were sergeants—G. R. F. Law, J. Rodell, J. Geils and E. J. Askham.

Forty-one years passed. The little group of men was scattered all over the world. Some of them were dead.
 A few weeks ago ex-Sergeant Law was walking down West-street, Durban, when he saw ex-Sergeant Rodell, whom he had not seen for over 30 years. The two stood talking, when suddenly a hand clapped Rodell on the back.

They both turned and came face to face with ex-Sergeant Geils.
 They then found Askham, after which the four veterans lunched together to celebrate the reunion.

LIFE CONVICT AS MUSICAL GENIUS

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CATHEDRAL FIRST, THEN MOSQUE

Restoring Mosaics Of Hagia Sophia

Istanbul.—The work of restoring the mosaics in the former mosque of St. Sophia, now a museum, has ended for the season and Professor Whitmore, of the United States, who has been in charge of the work, has returned to Harvard University.
 The most remarkable mosaic discovered so far has been one depicting the Emperors Constantine and Justinian presenting St. Sophia (which was a cathedral before it became a mosque) to Christ and the Virgin Mary.

morning at five o'clock, watered and weeded the lawn, cultivated his beautiful little garden in the back yard, and sharpened his tools. In a garage behind the bungalow, which he called the barn, he kept a hundred rabbits.

At length Serena stood in the kitchen doorway, filling it entirely, and shouted: "Everybody sit!" She slipped on the polished floor, caught herself, and belched.

From the dining-room ceiling hung red paper bells and strings of bright, hairy tinsel. The ugly golden-rod table was so crowded with plates and bowls and platters that we could see scarcely any of its cloth. I sat between Serena and Wilhelmina. There was not only a turkey, there was chicken, there was fried rabbit, there was stewed rabbit—all so sharply spiced that I choked on them.

There were heavy, gilt-striped china bowls of thick gravy, coloured with saffron, on which floated puddles of orange oil. Red and blue glass dishes held cranberry sauce and a dozen other jellies and pickles. One cut-glass pitcher was full of lemonade, another of milk, and a third of a fine white wine. Serena made herself, and which was so acid, in spite of the sugar she dumped into it, that no one could swallow it, but she gulped down glass after glass of it, smacking her lips.

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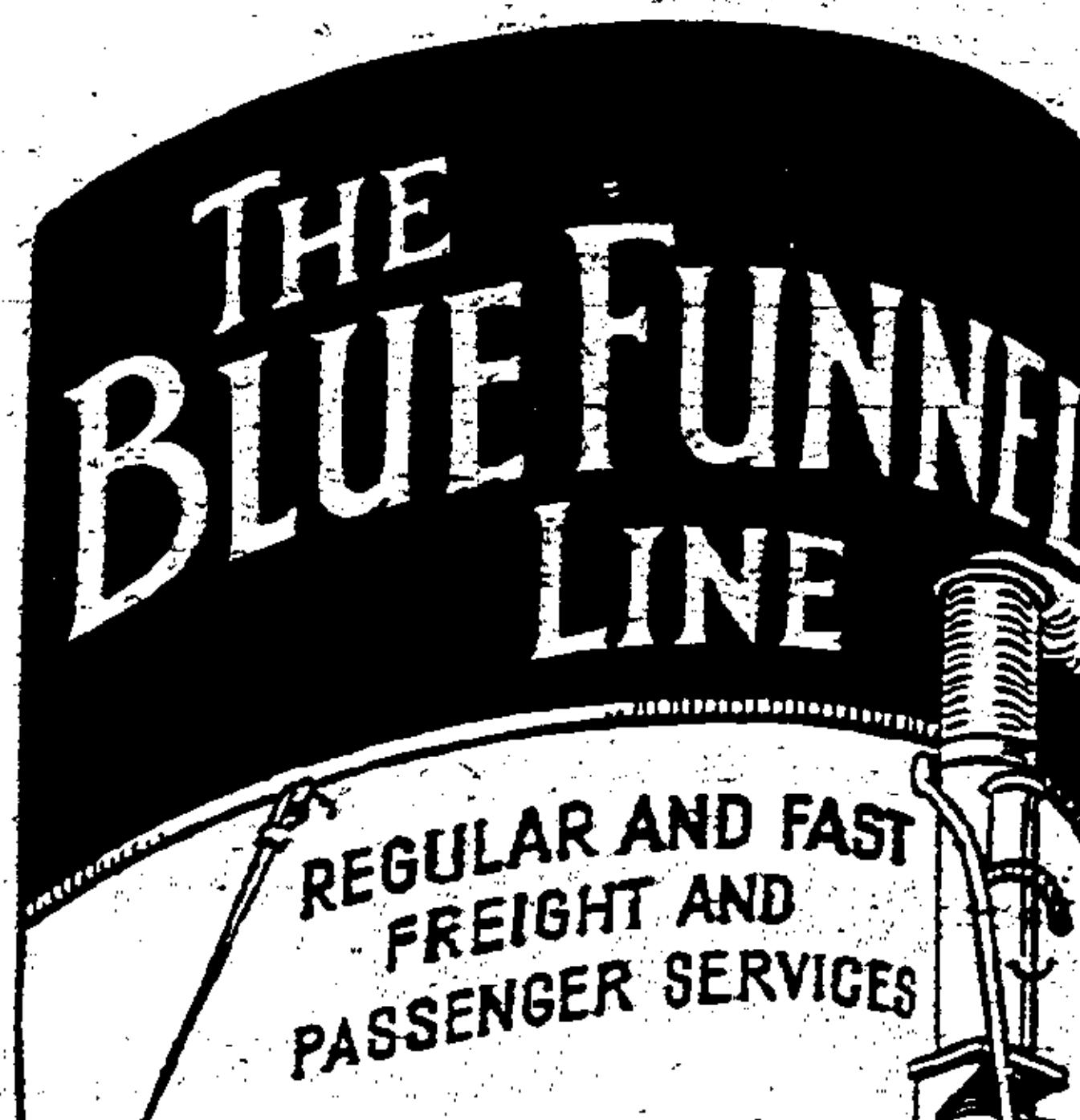
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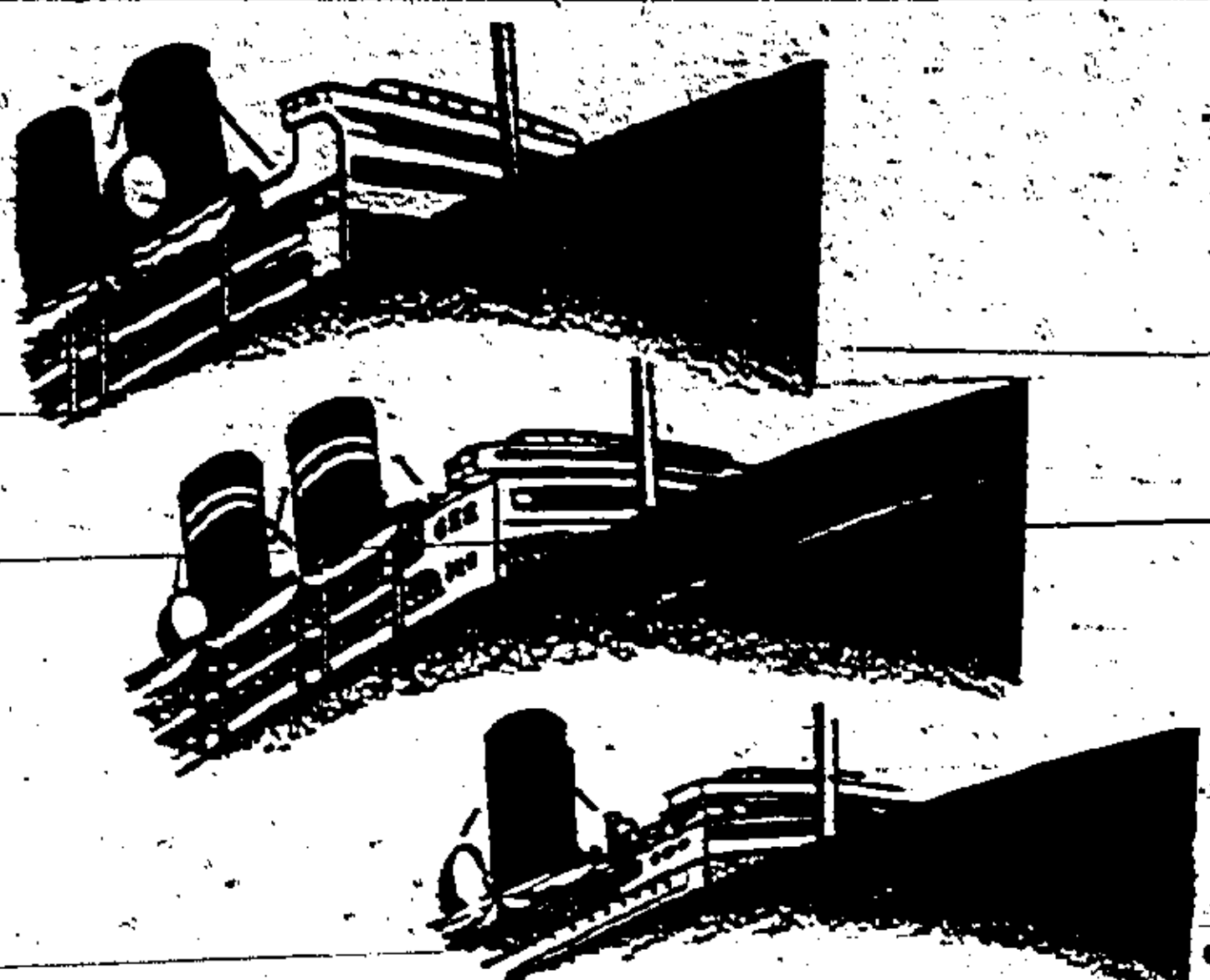
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NAVAL POWERS IN CONFERENCE

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has two oceanic fronts to protect, one in the Atlantic and the other in the Pacific, while Great Britain has the immense line of her Empire communication running from the North Sea to New Zealand, through the Mediterranean or round the Cape of Good Hope, while Japan has only the single "front" facing the Pacific.

They consider, therefore, that Japan's demand for naval parity is, in fact, a demand not for "equality of security," but for decisive supremacy in the Pacific. There is no reason to suppose that either of these Powers, who accept parity between themselves, will not continue to insist on the ratio of five to Japan's three, by agreement or without agreement.

Japan, on the other hand, is afraid that an Anglo-American combination, especially if supported by Russia, might force her to abandon or limit her expansion on the mainland, and her desire to expel non-Asiatic Powers from influence in the Far East. Japan demands naval parity as necessary both to national honour and to ensure absolute security from possible pressure or attack from the sea.

Where Parity May Decide

Probably no Japanese delegation or Government could remain in power if it accepted by treaty any lower "ratio" than that of parity.

At this moment there seems to be little hope of agreement about "quantitative" limitation between these opposing points of view. Eventually the governing factor is likely to be the purse. It may be easier for Japan to acquiesce in the ratio of Great Britain and the United States in practice each lay down 5 keels to 3. But in this revived era of power politics, financial resolution is as important as naval morale, and Japan may decide to put the issue to the test of practice before abandoning her attempt at parity.

If "quantitative" agreement is out of reach, it may well be possible to reach agreement as to "qualitative" limits on maximum tonnage and gunnage. That would reduce the cost of competition, and prevent all naval nations having continuously to renew their navies owing to new types and inventions being adopted elsewhere which make existing vessels useless.

In Europe, the position if not easy is less acute. The much abused but fundamentally sound Anglo-German Naval Agreement has exorcised the spectre of that naval competition which was a principal provocation to the World War. The political policies of France and Great Britain rule mutual naval rivalry and hostility out of the question.

In Mediterranean

The position in the Mediterranean is more difficult to assess, because of the Abyssinian crisis, though it is certain that for financial reasons alone neither France nor Italy want to spend more on naval preparation than they need. Here, also, in default of fundamental agreement about policy, the purse will call the tune.

But when I mention the Abyssinian crisis I bring in the biggest and most uncertain factor of all. If it ends, as I hope it will end, in proof that the idea of collective security has enough vitality in practical action to prevent unprovoked aggression from achieving its ends, while yet opening the way to the satisfaction of legitimate national needs by revisions of the status quo by pacific means, a few principle affecting naval armaments will have emerged into practical diplomatic life.

Common naval action, reinforced from the air, is—ought to be—the ultimate power behind the collective system, and if enough naval Powers came to support the League system effectively, limitation and reduction of naval armaments should certainly be easier to reach. But if the Abyssinian crisis were to end in proof of the impotence of the League collective system, either

Sketch Of An Old Woman

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For dessert we had pies, cakes, preserved and fresh fruits, ice cream, nuts, and tea and coffee. "I like to eat," Serena said. "When I can't sleep at night I get up and eat a pie or a rabbit." When at last she got up to clear the table for dessert, my mother and Kitty rose too.

"Sit down," she ordered them tersely. "You act like I'm an old woman."

"But you'll hurt your legs, Auntie," protested Kitty feebly, talking through her nose. "Is that so?" with an angry toss of her head, Serena plucked up her purple skirt and put out her foot. She was wearing patent leather, spike-heeled shoes, much too small for her, with huge buckles of glass diamonds. Rolls of fat bulged her flesh-coloured stockings out of shape. "Pretty nice legs yet, ain't they, Dave?" she demanded. Abruptly turning on me, "Oh, land sakes alive, the boy seen me do that!" she cried cooly, and ran lumbering into the kitchen.

Dave was shocked. "Now, Steeny," he chided her; but he set down his moustache-cup and fingered his trim silver moustache where it curled into two little rings at the ends. "By George!" he exclaimed, laughing in spite of himself, with his eyes twinkling. To him, his wife was still the lively, teasing girl he had married forty-odd years before.

After dinner we went into the living-room. On the living-room mantel between a gilt Venus with a clock for her belly and a glass dome housing a stuffed pheasant, lay a stereoscope, and Dave took it down for Wilhelmina and me. Serena checked him sharply. "Don't be an old fool," she said. "Start the phonograph. You two young ones dance."

It was a command. Old Dave stood bent-kneed and bewildered, his fingers going up unsurely to his moustache. Wilhelmina and I regarded one another with suspicion. I detested her because she was cheap and she despised me because I was young. "Gee, Aunt Steeny, we can't dance to them old pieces," the girl whined peevishly.

"Old Dave's too tight-fisted to buy me any new ones, Willie. You go ahead and dance."

We danced, Serena glaring at us greedily while we moved dumsily back and forth across the carpet. She had drunk a quart or more of the rank wine, and her little eyes rolled. Under her gaze I could think of nothing but Wilhelmina's bony knees rubbing against mine, and I got out of step. I swung her around, and we danced into the den. Out of the tail of my eye I saw Serena lean towards Wilhelmina's mother and whisper to her. "Wilhelmina," screamed Kitty a moment later, her voice strident above the scratchy music of the machine, "you stay out here where we can keep an eye on you, you two!"

I could not dance; after that I loathed Serena and Kitty and to prevent war and aggression or to end it on terms which are just and fair to all, there is bound to be a *saucy* *qui* *peut* into alliances, or isolation or competitive building, according as each nation believes its own national interest is best served.

Interim Gathering

So the present Naval Conference is likely to be, fundamentally, an interim gathering. It will probably reach agreement on minor points, and especially on qualitative limits to the size of ships and guns. But the ultimate question, whether navies and their satellite services are to be used merely as instruments of national policy or as the instruments for the prevention of war and the service of peace, will be determined, not by the Conference, but by events going on elsewhere.

If the League succeeds, the United States, the balancing factor in the world to-day, now wholly devoted to a policy of "highly armed" isolation, may gradually come to consider whether co-operation to prevent war may not be a surer method of keeping out of war than a neutrality which, however perfect negatively, can have no effect in preventing vital changes to the detriment of the strategic security of the United States as a result of wars in which she is not herself engaged.

Wilhelmina together. I knew what they meant. Making no excuses, I simply sat down. Mother's face told me of her sympathy.

Serena could not stop whispering. She bent towards mother and her across the room. "As soon as Old Dave dies, you and me'll get us some pretty boys and go dancing." She gazed at him resentfully. "The old coot!" Then, lurching erect, she said loudly, "You girls smoke if you want. I bought some cigarettes. They're on the mantel. I'm a-goin' into the bathroom and red-line up a bit." She thudded ponderously away.

A few seconds later there came a cry. All five of us sprang up and ran to the bathroom. We found Serena staring frightenedly into the mirror. "It burns," she whimpered. There was a thick coating of whitish dust over her clothes and her mouth was a glistening crimson smear. Mother dashed a towel under the faucet and hurriedly scrubbed the greasy lips. A box of corn-starch stood on the rim of the wash-basin, and beside it a small tin can.

"Bicycle enamel!" screamed Kitty, reading the label on the can. "Oh, Auntie, what have you been doing?"

Her tears turning the corn-starch on her cheeks to paste, Serena dropped her head to my mother's breast. "I wanted to pink up my mouth, like I seen you do," she sobbed. She wept like a child.

Serena Hanks was not the only unpleasant thing in that neighbourhood. Mother took a house in a better section of the city the moment our lease was up, and though I did not forget her, I did not see the old woman for 10 years. Then the Italian fish-peddler who had lived across the street from us telephoned to say that Dave was dead, at 72, and that Serena wanted us to come to the funeral.

Lying on the white satin cushions of his coffin, Old Dave was as I remembered him, except that he seemed to have shrunk. The brown skin over his cheekbones was stretched taut. He looked, as he had looked in life, gentle and trim and clean. There were 20 in the church; neighbours, the grocer from the corner store, Wilhelmina and Kitty—Wilhelmina, with a sailor in tow, smelling of gin and looking older than her mother. We rode out to the cemetery in shining limousines hired from the undertaker. A squad of Civil War veterans from the Old Soldiers' Home waited beside the open grave.

Serena blubbered loudly leaning on me. It was all I could do to keep from being toppled off my feet. Her sharp little eyes never for a moment stopped flickering back and forth. I bent my head to catch her hoarse whisper. "See that there flag?" she asked me, behind her black glove. On a tripod at the head of the grave, where the minister stood, spread an American flag of red and white carnations and blue bachelor-buttons. "I went down to the flower store and had 'em write down how I wanted that should be, a long time ago—way back when you and your Ma were living next door."

The service over, Wilhelmina scurried off with her sailor and left Kitty to go home with Serena. The old woman, however, refused her, asking us to come with her instead. On the way, in the automobile, she forgot her tears and turned gay. "Wait till you see the house!" she exclaimed, and we wondered what could have happened to it. A great deal was happening to it, we found, when we got there. Workmen, their faces white from plaster dust, were knocking out the partition between the den and the living-room.

Serena enjoyed our astonishment. "I figured I'd surprise you," she laughed. "I'm making the sitting-room bigger so there'll be room for dancing. I'm a-goin' to have dancing here two or three times a week. We'll dance till morning if the boys want. I want you both should come. Last week I ordered me a lot of them over-stuffed chairs and a new sofa, and I'm getting one of them new fan-led photographs with a radio in it—costing me three hundred dollars, but the boys'll like to fiddle with it, when we ain't dancing. I seen that carpenter, Handsome, see that carpenter? Handsome, ain't he? He's coming to my

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dances. I asked him, "I'm a-goin' to buy me an auto, too, and get me a good-looking young fellow to drive me around."

"But what on earth are you building out in the yard?" Mother asked her. "I'm putting on another bedroom. You know how it is when a body's dancing. Sometimes a boy gets too much whisky in him. Well, if he does, I figure he can stay here. Who's to know the difference where he sleeps it off?" She winked. "My, the hell we used to raise to our dances back home! Just after harvest-time we used to have 'em."

She smiled vaguely, her thoughts far away. It was the only sweet, tender smile I ever saw on her lips. "There was a big, yellow moon. You could smell the hay. Us girls used to sneak into the bedroom, and the boys would go around the back way and climb into the window. My!"

Returning to us, she blinked and laid a finger to her lips. "Come out in the kitchen. I got something else to show you." In the kitchen she locked the doors and drew down the window-shades. Swinging open the oven door, she took out a covered pot and, reaching into it, held up six crisp thousand-dollar bills. "Good gracious!" Mother exclaimed.

"I went down and took it out of the bank the morning Old Dave died. Can't never tell what might happen, with all these slick lawyers. It's best to have it on hand."

"You won't have it on hand long if you leave it lying around like this," I warned her. She nodded sagely. "That damned Kitty's honeying around for it already, but I'm too smart for her. None of the carpenters, she seemed to think, could steal from her. She mistrusted only women. 'Kitty won't get a red cent of it. She can keep them boys of her, and that chippy of a Wilhelmina can keep her boys too. I got plenty of my own.' She nudged me."

"The postman's coming for dinner to-morrow. New one since you was here—handsome as a bog-land sakes alive," she burst out. "If I ain't forgot to show you my duds!" Leading us to a chiffonier in the bedroom, she pulled out a drawer after drawer stuffed with clothing—gaudy dresses, tinted silk underwear, lace stockings, silver slippers, a gold turban with a vermillion plume. "I want shopping while Old Dave was to bed sick," she said. "Ain't they pretty? They're for my trip."

"You're going away?" asked mother, beyond astonishment. "I'll be gone a couple of months. When I come back this house'll be ready for me. I'm a-goin' back to the town in Woodbury County, just a piece from Sioux City in Iowa, where I grew up. I'm a-goin' to put me an advertisement in the paper: 'All her old friends that used to know Serena Osterhaus when she was a girl, I'm going to say, 'come down and see her at the Winton House.' The Winton House, that's the best hotel. Land, the parties I'm going to have!"

I was twenty, and a philosopher given to melancholy. During the two months that followed I thought a number of times of Serena's pilgrimage back to her girlhood. What had she found? Were all of her old friends dead? Could some of them still be alive? Would the sight of them teach her that she was old and ugly? "I've been thinking of her," Mother said. "She simply can't be as hapless as she seemed the

day of the funeral. She didn't understand that David was dead, that's what I think it was. Coming back from her trip, coming home and finding him not there, she's probably realising that he's gone, and suffering, poor old thing. Yes, we must go to her."

But I was not to learn what Serena had found in Iowa. Not a week later the fish-peddler's wife telephoned to say that she was dead. "I got hold of that Kitty and asked her to come and 'tend to things,' she recounted indignantly, in Italian-English, 'but she won't have a thing to do with it. I can't understand it. Mrs. Hanks always used to speak of you folks as friends of hers. I thought maybe you'd come over and do it.'"

"It was the Italian woman who told us what had happened. Serena had come home from Iowa two weeks early. Night after night, since she had returned, every light in the house had burned and the combination phonograph-wireless had roared until two and three o'clock in the morning. The shades were never drawn at the windows. Sometimes the neighbours glimpsed one or two couples inside, dancing. Oftener, though, there was nobody."

Then, through Wilhelmina, Serena had learned of the public dance-halls. At one of them she met a middle-aged man with dyed hair and gold teeth, who told her that he was a moving-picture actor. From then on he was with her all of the time. Either she went with him to the dance-halls or he came to her home in the evening. He took her rings from her and three thousand dollars in cash. His name was Rudolph Orr. Kitty later married him, so there was no mystery about his part in the affair.

The last time Rudolph came to Serena's house the phonograph ground out times all night. It was a machine which automatically changed its records, so at first nobody noticed anything unusual; but, about noon of the next day, it occurred to the Italian woman that the same records were being played over and over again in the same order. She ventured across the street, after a while, and rang the door-bell. No one answered it.

Then, peering in at a window, she saw that the lights were burning and, alarmed, tried the door at the rear. It was unlocked. She went in, and found Serena lying dead on the floor in the living-room, an over-turned bottle of whisky beside her on the brown carpet with its purple and pink flowers. Neighbours had managed to lift the heavy body and carry it into the bedroom.

"I went in, and stood beside the bed. I had never seen a dead person, and Serena was ugly and frightening; but, except for the fact that she did not blink her eyes or shut her mouth, she looked as alive as ever. There were still patent-leather shoes on her feet, and she wore her green satin dancing dress."

[THE END]

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CORRESPONDENT EXPELLED

German Action Taken
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"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.
Ernst Popper, the Berlin correspondent of the *Prager Tageblatt*, a paper printed in the German language published in the Czech capital, was expelled from Germany on January 10 because, as the official statement issued yesterday puts it, "he continually sent his paper unreliable, tendentious and spiteful reports about Germany, thereby not only gravely damaging German interests but also systematically poisoning the international atmosphere."

Popper's expulsion was necessary, goes on the news agency's statement, since the nature of his dispatches, besides being crass abuse of the hospitality extended to him by Germany, was prejudicial to the activities of many other foreign correspondents who attempt to report on the condition of Germany in a fair and objective manner.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CONFERENCE IN NANKING

Student Bodies To Meet Chiang

Nanking, To-day.
Complying with the summons of President Chiang Kai-shek, 116 student representatives and heads of various schools throughout the country have reported their arrival at the Capital to attend the conference, which is scheduled to be held to-morrow.

Among them, 33 are presidents and deans, 46 student delegates of various universities and colleges, and 37 principals of middle schools.—Central News Agency.

REPAIR OF DYKE BREACHES

Petition To Central Government

Hsuehchow, To-day.
A joint telegram has been addressed by various *hsien* in the Hsuehchow area, petitioning that the dyke breaches along various rivers in the area should be immediately closed, since the water-level of the Lutung River has dropped considerably.

According to the telegram, the dyke breach at Chowmatou now measures 70 metres, that at Yaoti 200 metres and those at Lienshui, Huangwan and Laotai 120 metres.—Central News Agency.

COMMUNISTS ACTIVE

Movements In North Fukien

Foochow, To-day.
To curb the disturbances created by a band of Communist bandits on the Pingnan-Chienou border, in North Fukien, who have recently established a connection with the units of the Big Sword Society, the provincial authorities have dispatched forces there for their suppression.—Central News Agency.

AFTER DEATH—WHAT?

Personal Survival Or Annihilation

London.—The question "Survival or annihilation after death?" is a false one according to Mr. Whitley Carington, an authority on psychical research. The answer to such a question can only be "Neither—but both!"

"When we ask Nature," Mr. Carington said, lecturing before the Society for Psychical Research, "Is an electron a wave or a particle?" we can only reply "Neither—but both!" We are similarly posing a false antithesis over the question of personal survival.

Next Life
The next life, he said, was not just a refined version of this one, in which semi-material souls, exactly resembling the bodies they had left, were peculiarly "clothing" in heavenly mea-



Not only is George Nasser, son of the white manager of the Bank of Ethiopia, in Dire Dawa, remaining with his parents in the range of the Italian bombers, but he has cheetahs as his playmates.

WINTER GRIPS GERMANY

SPLENDID PROSPECTS FOR SKI SPORTS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.
After several weeks of almost springlike weather, which threatened to frustrate all the prospects of winter sports and, as previously reported, necessitated the postponement of the German ski championships, the winter definitely arrived in Germany yesterday with a considerable drop in temperature throughout Central Europe.

Heavy falls of snow were reported from the mountainous regions and are causing much joy in the German ski resorts, where numerous foreign teams training for the Olympic winter sports games, to be held there in the beginning of February, have been greatly discouraged by the continuous rain and had actually been thinking of going to Norway for their training.

Snow, however, began to fall on Sunday night and continued to fall throughout yesterday, thus saving the day. While at Berlin the thermometer is still hovering slightly above freezing point, temperatures varying between 10 and 20 degrees Fahrenheit have been recorded in the Bavarian Alps and Harz mountains, the Black Forest and other regions. Still lower temperatures are forecast, with good prospects for ideal conditions prevailing during the forthcoming Olympic Games events.—Trans-Ocean Service.

CHINA'S INTEREST IN LEAGUE AFFAIRS

Nanking, To-day.—Mr. Hu Shih-chia, Chinese Minister to Switzerland, will shortly leave Geneva for London to exchange views with Dr. W. W. Yen, Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, and Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to Britain, concerning League affairs, it was learned from diplomatic circles yesterday.—Central News Agency.

ROYALTY VISITS HONG KONG

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that vessel to take up his new duties in Hong Kong. M. C. Leung, who was formerly in Hankow, did not communicate with the local Consulate giving any reason for his non-arrival, but it is thought that he must have missed his connection in Shanghai owing to last-minute circumstances.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains over China, and has increased further in intensity. Pressure is now highest to the north-west of Shanghai. The depression is stationary to the north-east of Hokkaido, and is now of great intensity. North-east winds, fresh, fine to cloudy, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

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The Supreme Court's decision leaves open the question of whether the huge sums already paid as processing taxes to the farmers are recoverable by the taxpayers, and thus the Government's principal anxiety resulting from the demolition of the A.A.A. remains unassuaged.—Reuter.

There were 37 gold service buttons awarded this year, and Mr. Leary was the only person outside the United States to obtain one. Mr. Leary entered the meat-packing industry in 1885, as agent for the G. H. Hammond Company. He became dock superintendent for the Morris Beef Company in 1895, began working for an agent of the Cadahy Packing Company in 1901, and entered the Swift Company in 1906.—Reuter.

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